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Dearborn, Mi. 48124

Dec. 1, 1988

Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/ S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

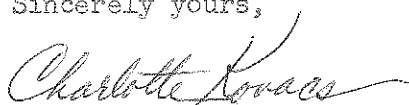
Dear Mr. Thomas:

I vigorously oppose the dumping of toxic wastes at Ford Motor Company's clay mine located on Oakwood Boulevard, Allen Park, Michigan. This area is in the midst of thousands of residences and businesses.

The quality of life in these United States is deteriorating because of the ignorance and ^{im-}proper control of practices that ~~adversely~~ affect our water, air, land, etc.

I am against the D.N.R. of Michigan granting a permit to Ford Motor Company to use the above-mentioned site for the dumping/storing of toxic wastes. This is a beautiful land; let's protect and preserve it.

Sincerely yours,



Charlotte Kovacs

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December 1, 1988.

Mr. Lee M. Thomas/Administrator,
Environmental Protection Agency,
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460.

Subject MID 980-568-711 (*File*)

Dear Administrator:

We are protesting the approval of the Ford Motor Company site for disposing toxic waste at the Allen Park clay mine. Ford Motor Company cannot be trusted when they say that this site is safe. However in reality how are they to know that? Are they experts in toxic waste?? NO, I hardly doubt that.

THis site is the only proposed toxic waste site within such a proximity of residential homes throughout the U.S.A.

If Ford Motor Company really was concerned in the quality of human life, they would consider an alternate site!

I am asking you and encouing you to vigorously oppose this proposed waste site. Thanking you in advance for turning down the approval of this site.

I remain

Sincerely yours,


Stanley Bonzack,

1405 Hollywood,

Dearborn, Mich., 48124.

Tel. (313) 336-3211.

CC:

Representative J. Dingel,
2221 Rayburn Office Bldg.,
Washington D.C. 20515.

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Mr. & Mrs. P. Taglioli
1527 - COLVER
DEARBORN MICH. 48124
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Dear Mr. Thomas.

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We are vigorously apposed to
this waste site. It is too close
for comfort.

I will write all the land that
Ford Motor Co. has on hand, they
can find a better site to dump
their toxic garbage.

And as my Representative I want you
to deny them this permit. After all
your job is to protect the Environment
and the people that live in it.
not the Ford Motor Co.

Thank you
Mr. & Mrs. P. Taglioli

I also write to Representative Dingell

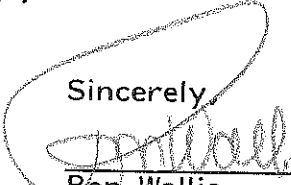
November 30th., 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S/W/
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Thomas

With regards to the granting of a permit for Ford Motor Co. to dump toxic waste at a site in Allen Park, Michi., I.E., Clay Mine. I am in want of further information as to that permit. In principle, I am dramatically opposed to such a program. We have enough problems with already contaminated sites that are not being dealt with. This is close to residential properties which makes it even more of a concern even though everyone says that it is "safe".

Sincerely,



Ron Wallis

Dec 2, 1988

Dear Mr Thomas

Something has got to be done about Ford's Toxic waste dump in Allen Park. The dumping should never have been allowed and it must not be allowed to continue. My husband and I recently purchased a home 2 blocks away. Someday we will want a family and right now we are very concerned for our health, our property and our as-yet-to-be-born children.

No one can convince us that the site is safe. No technical mumbo-jumbo can make us ignore the weird acidic-chemical odors in the air on warm summer nights.

Or the medicinal smell that settles in on cloudy cold evenings. There's something in that dump, something that's not going to be healthy for humans. It must be taken care of. We oppose any further dumping and we encourage clean up efforts.

The time is now.

Sincerely

Karen J and Jeffery S. Mrowka
1616 Walnut, Dearborn

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November 30, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
ADMINISTRATOR EPA.

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DISPOSAL OF TOXIC WASTE AT THE ALLEN PARK
CLAY MINE.

I Anne Sienkiewicz as Tarpaper and
Homeowner in Dearborn, one block
away from proposed disposal of
Toxic waste, say no to granting
this permit to Ford Motor Company.

I vigorously oppose this proposed waste site.

Sincerely

Anne Sienkiewicz

1904 Walnut Street

Dearborn Mi. 48124

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Mr. G. C. Harris
15278 Angelique
Allen Park, MI 48101

November 30, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
Administrator Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
Reference: Toxic Waste Permit
File #MID 980-568-711

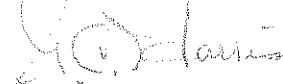
Dear Mr. Thomas:

This letter is being sent to you by a very concerned citizen of Allen Park, Michigan. Having lived in the near vicinity of the Ford Motor Company Toxic Waste Dump for over 38 years I am amazed to hear that a permit to continue use of the sight for Toxic Waste is even under consideration.

Until recently I was unaware that Toxic Wastes were dumped at the sight. Now realizing this I wonder how many of my friends and neighbors who have died of cancer in our immediate neighborhood in the past few years may have been affected by this dump.

Please, in the name of humanity do not continue to allow Toxic Waste to be dumped in our immediate area any more. Deny Ford Motor This Permit.

Very truly yours,



G. C. Harris

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Mr. Thomas,

Please respond to my concerns regarding the placement of a toxic waste dump in a highly populated area adjacent to a Veterans Hospital.

I would like to believe that the reason for this is lack of knowledge rather than intent for gain.

I am a citizen living in this area, and a nurse working at the Veterans Hospital.

Please - reconsider.

Barbara Bunker, RN
3515 POLK
Dearborn, MI 48124

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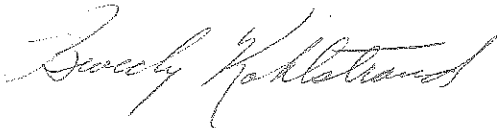
Mr. Lee M. Thomas/Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

MID 980-568-711

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I certainly hope you do not encourage the D.N.R to grant a permit to Ford Motor Co. allowing them to dispose of toxic waste at the allen Park clay mine. I as well as my family and neighbors do not want this in our neighbor hood. I cannot understand why this area would even be considered with a VA hospital and also a private hospital within a stones throw of the site. Please seek an alternitive.

Yours Truly,



Beverly & Armand Kohlstrand



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December 2, 1968

Mr. Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M.S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

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Dear Mr. Thomas:

I certainly hope you do not encourage the D.W.A. to grant a
permit to Ford Motor Co. allowing them to dispose of toxic
waste at the Allen Park city dump. I as well as my family and
neighbors do not want this in our neighbor hood. I cannot
understand why this area would even be considered with a VA
hospital and also a private hospital within a stones throw of
the site. Please seek an alternative.

Yours Truly,

Beverly & Arnold Robinson

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RE: FILE # MID 980-568-711

2652 Venice
Dearborn, Mich. 48124
December 1, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/ S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This letter is an appeal to you to refuse to grant a permit to the Ford Motor Company, allowing them to dispose of toxic waste at the Allen Park clay mine.

This site is located at Oakwood Blvd. and Southfield Rd. and within couple of blocks of two large hospitals - Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, MI and Veterans Hospital, Allen Park, MI. and many above average priced homes (Dbn. & A.P.)

Our location is just to the northwest of this proposed site, Apparently, it being used as a dumping site since 1956. It was explained by the Ford Motor Company as a dumping of only furnace dust, when my now deceased husband first wrote to Mr. Dingell regarding the objections of the Snow Woods Association...Dearborn.

Several different surveys of the area showed a very high percentage of lung problems and CANCER cases. Especially, since 1985 when hazardous waste was permitted until violations shut it down in 1986, by the DNR.

We are very proud of our neighborhood of well kept homes and high property values, schools and parks. The ideal place to raise children - EXCEPT for the proposed toxic waste site. Friends and relatives on the other side of Detroit are surprised that there is a toxic waste site so close to our homes or even their homes.

People are concerned everywhere about cleaning up the environment - and object to the complete lack of responsibility to do something about this problem. I'm certain you are not one of those who are unconcerned, and will do everything in your power to help Mr. Quackenbush (Michigan's DNR representative) - NO PERMIT PLEASE!!

Thanking you,

Anne St. Onge

(Mrs.) Edward St. Onge

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1470 Linden
Dearborn, MI 48124
November 30, 1988

Lee M. Thomas/ Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington D.C. 20460

RE: EPA File Number MID 980-568-711

Dear Mr. Thomas;

We are writing to express our opposition to the permit for dumping toxic waste which the DNR has apparently granted the Ford Motor Company.

The area in question, bounded by Oakwood, I-94, and Southfield Freeway is visible from our front door here on Linden Street. It has been used as a waste site by Ford Motor Company for years, but now they want to dump toxic waste because it is supposedly "safe".

We find it hard to comprehend that the Department of Natural Resources would allow such a permit to be issued when it has just denied permission for development and building in Snow Woods, which is just one half-mile down Oakwood Avenue from the waste site. DNR prevented development because it was concerned with preserving a wetland area in suburban Detroit.

The toxic waste issue is so much more important because it isn't just plants and animals that are threatened here, it is people. How can such a thing be permitted in a heavily populated area?

It also doesn't make sense for Ford Motor Company to be dumping toxic waste within 3 minutes drive from the new multimillion dollar "pro" golf course on Rotunda which is also on their land. The houses near the golf course will appreciate in value; who will want to buy a house across the street from a toxic dump? We have just had our water tested for safety and will periodically do so, because we are extremely concerned about this issue, as we hope you are.

It is time for industry to use alternate methods of disposing toxic waste: incineration, etc. This means cutting into some of their "record" profits and using the money for waste management development. Big Business has the money and the science to stop the endless destruction of our environment.

We vigorously oppose the plan to dump toxic waste at this site and will do anything within our means to stop it. The people demand the use of industrial resources for the protection of our land, our air, ourselves, and our families for all generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Copy to Gov. Blanchard
and Rep. J. Dingel

Sincerely yours,

Donald J. Birkenhier
Barbara L. Birkenhier
Donald J. Birkenhier
Barbara L. Birkenhier

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November 29, 1988

Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

Attention: Mr. Lee M. Thomas/Administrator

Dear Mr. Thomas,

As a Dearborn resident living in the first block adjacent to the Ford Motor Company toxic waste disposal site in Allen Park (file number MID 980-568-711) we strongly oppose the Federal E.P.A. pressuring the state D.N.R. to grant a permit to the Ford Motor Company to continue to use this area as a dump site.

The huge trucks leaving the site track heavy clay onto the main highway and this must be cleaned up several times a day. This dirt or residue is tracked or blown around the area. We strongly urge that this site be investigated before a permit is granted to insure the health and safety of the people who live in this area.

Sincerely,

Robert Martin
Evelyn Martin

Robert and Evelyn Martin
1516 Walnut
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

cc: Representative John Dingel, Michigan

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L. M. Thomas / admin EPA

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Dear Sir:

As a resident of Dearborn for over forty years, I feel I have a real problem trying to understand why anyone would even think of polluting the area where so many people live, work and enjoy outdoor activities.

In our area alone for the last 16 years we have had one person after another, friends, neighbors, acquaintances die from different forms of cancer. Even my own husband who also worked for Ford Motor Engineering died from cancer as did quite a few who also worked in his area & department. I still hear of neighbors developing cancer & one now who is dying from brain cancer who also works at Ford's.

Is it, if you do not live in the area you close your eyes & ears and let this ~~pollution~~ pollution go on until there is no safe place to live & raise children. Is this what you people who have been appointed and/or elected into office

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do for those who supported you throughout the years. After all, we really don't have the money that Ford does.

I am sorry if I sound bitter, but then you have not watched a husband, friends and neighbors go through a possibly painful death.

Please help us, do not let this dumping of toxic materials continue.

You have the power that we as voters gave you to stop this. Lets see if you really care.

Yours truly
Margaret L. Stewart
2000 Houston
Dearborn MI 48124

cc:

December 2, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
Administrator EPA
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: EPA File# MID 980-568-711

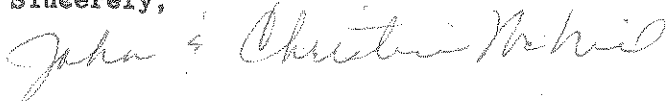
Dear Mr. Thomas,

We have lived on Walnut Street in Dearborn bordering the Dump for ten years. We believe that we were never properly informed of the existing ELEVEN ACRE CELL of TOXIC WASTE deposited at this site. We are appalled to find that FORD MOTOR COMPANY wants to obtain a permit to open yet another MULTI-ACRE TOXIC WASTE CELL.

Since the ingredients of these TOXIC WASTE are lethal to both plant and animal life, we feel this dump is much too close to residential areas and we believe the DNR was in error granting the original permit. We as Americans and living creatures of our Earth deserve the right to breathe and live a healthy life.

We plead with you to not only stop the issuance of a new permit but also to monitor the existing TOXIC WASTE CELL. It is very difficult to live from day to day knowing that TOXIC WASTE is so close and in the air. Please for our children STOP THIS PERMIT.

Sincerely,



John & Christine McNeil
1737 Walnut Street
Dearborn, MI 48124

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Donald B. Hubbert
1560 Culver
Dearborn, MI 48124

November 30, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
Administrator Enviromental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
Reference: Toxic Waste Permit
File #MID 980-568-711

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This letter is being sent to you by a very concerned Citizen of Dearborn, Michigan. Having lived in the near vicinity (approximately 7 blocks away) of the Ford Motor Company Toxic Waste Dump for over 37 years I am amazed to hear that a permit to continue use of the sight for Toxic Waste is even under consideration.

Until recently I was unaware that Toxic Wastes were dumped at the sight. Now realizing this I wonder how many of my friends and neighbors who have died of cancer in our immediate neighborhood in the past couple years may have been affected by this dump.

Please, in the name of humanity do not continue to allow Toxic Wastes to be dumped in our immediate area any more. Deny Ford Motor This Permit.

Very truly yours,



D. B. Hubbert

DBH/bw

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Dear Sir,

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I am totally against
anybody dumping toxic waste
at the Allen Park clay mine.

MID 980-568-711 David Rusimowski

November 30, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: File # MID 980-568-711

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE the granting of a permit to allow the Ford Motor Company to dispose of toxic waste at the Allen Park clay mine.

I am very concerned about the cancer risks and the devaluation of my home in Dearborn which I, as a widow, have struggled hard to maintain since 1955. My home is located approximately two blocks away from the clay mine site. Both my husband and my father have passed away because of cancer, so I am well aware of what happens when someone contracts this disease.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT GRANT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PERMIT.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Bart

Mrs. Elizabeth Bart
3133 Linden Street
Dearborn, MI 48124

Phone: 1-313-562-5334

Mr. Lee M. Thomas -

12-2-88

File Number MID 980-568-711 regards the federal E.P.A. granting a permit to the Ford Motor Co. allowing them to dispose of toxic waste at the Allen Park Clay mine. My wife and I vigorously oppose this proposed waste site. We pray that you will not grant this permit. This site is the only proposed toxic waste site within such a proximity of residential homes throughout the U.S. And there are many. If Ford Motor Co. was really concerned in the quality of human life, they would consider an alternative site away from so many near by homes.

Sincerely -

Margaret Kirby
Robert C. Kirby

Dec. 1, 1988

Dear Sir,

This is a letter to let you know how strongly I oppose to having ~~a~~ the toxic waste dumped at the Allen Park Clay Mine. I definately do not, and I repeat, do not want such an action taking place so close to my family and friends. I hope you will take this letter into consideration before making your final decision.

Thank You
Clayton D. Rusinow

* File # MID 980-568-711

Miss Clara Janigian
1906 Southfield
Dearborn, mi 48124

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

dec. 1, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W. Hdqtrs
Washington, D.C. 20460
SUBJECT: MID 980-568-711

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The EPA's function is to protect the environment of America. However, you will not be protecting our land and its people if you allow the Ford Motor Co. to dump toxic waste in our area. Therefore I must ask that Permit # MID 980-568-711 (the Allen Park Hazardous waste Landfill Permit) NOT BE ISSUED and to allow the citizens of this community their right to live in a toxic free environment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clara Janigian

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Mr Lee M. Thomas

My wife and I vigorously oppose the proposed waste site at the Allen Park Michigan clay mine. Fo. Mo. Co. is requesting a permit from the Michigan D. N. R. allowing them to dispose of toxic waste at this site. The toxic waste site is very close to our homes in Dearborn and we consider this a serious threat to our health, perhaps fatal (time will tell). Ford Motor Company must not be allowed to dump toxic waste here.

Fo Mo Co must find an alternate site without endangering human life. Already a beautiful strand of national woods are gone forever. I feel each cancer related death in this community is suspect

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17429 Russell
Allen Park, Mi.
Nov. 30, 1988

Dear Mr. Thomas,

We are writing this letter
to let you know that we
vigorously oppose this waste
site - a hazardous waste
dump - The Allen Park Clay Mine
located at 17005 Oakwood Blvd.

Allen Park, Mich. 48101.

No!!! We don't want
this garbage in our community.
This dump is located in a
populated residential area.

Please do not grant a
new permit to Ford Motor Co. - to
allow more toxic dumping.

FILE NUMBER MID 980-568-711.

Hope you ^{will} give this matter
serious consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Flowers

Dec. 2, 1986

Dear Sir,

I am a resident of Dearborn, Michigan. I'm writing you this letter to tell you that I don't want The Ford Motor Co. to dump toxic waste in the Allen Park Clay mine. The clay mine is only a few blocks away from my home. Please don't let The Ford Motor Co. threaten the health of the people in the communities surrounding the clay mine.

Sincerely,

Ken Rusnowski

2621 Edgewood
Olm. Mich. 48124

December 1, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

Mr. Lee M. Thomas:

Just what is the function of the Environmental Protection Agency if it is not to protect the environment of U. S. citizens and taxpayers from illegal dumping of toxic wastes within spitting distance of our homes? You are a prime example of the bureacracy that is supposed to be serving and protecting the lives of our children and who is failing miserably. The Ford Motor Company has long held a role of big brother - in this city - and to even consider further dumping of any type of waste - be it toxic or not is sheer lunacy.

The dump site that I am referring to is bordering Southfield, Allen Park and Dearborn.

Unless you prove that by rejecting this dump site, your office is merely a pawn of the Ford Motor Company.

Sincerely,

Anne Oslanci
Anne Oslanci
1805 Walnut Street
Dearborn, MI 48124

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
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FILE #MID 980-568-711 ALLEN PARK MI. CLAY MINE

C. V. HARVEY
1201 LINDEN
DEARBORN, MI. 48124
December 1, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington D. C. 20460

Dear Sir:

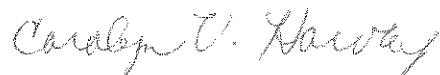
This communication is to advise you that as a Dearborn resident and a neighbor of the Allen Park clay mine I strongly object to any further dumping or disposal of toxic waste in that facility. We in this area have been living with that Dump for thirty four (34) years and I am one of the many cancer victims in this immediate vicinity. I know that I cannot scientifically prove that my cancer is directly related to the dump, but the strong suspicion is there and why take chances with our young people and future generations. A toxic waste dump does not belong in the middle of a densely populated area directly over an aquifer and in the proximity to a channel to the Great Lakes. Surely with the great size of the United States a disposal site in a remote unpopulated area can be found.

Please do not be guided in your actions by corporate economics for their profits do not belong in a question of the health and welfare of living human beings and of those yet to be born. The corporate record of avoiding taxes and dumping their messes on the taxpayers is scandalous and needs to be corrected.

Our scientists are continually revising their past estimates of what is an acceptable safe dose of just about all toxic substances. Their revisions are always downward and indicate that they have been wrong in the past and have done a great disservice to the public and to themselves. Applied to this case, and with the record of the Love Canal fiasco, I request that you do all in your power to protect your constituents from the real and known dangers inherent in the disposal of toxic waste.

Please advise your position on this matter for the record and for the information of the public which you serve.

Sincerely yours,



Carolyn V. Harvey

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December 1, 1988

Ref; File MID 980-568-711

Mr. Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Sir;

We have lived in the City of Dearborn, Michigan for more than 35 years, and we are residents in the Snow Woods Subdivision.

We are very much concerned about the toxic waste dump adjacent to the Snow Woods area, and we are vigorously opposed to the granting of a permit to the Ford Motor Company, to use this site for their toxic waste.

As residents of Dearborn, Mich., we have always tried to keep a clean city, so that we can be proud of our town, and now we find that the worst garbage of all, a toxic waste dump is being used right at our doorstep.

In order to safe guard our health and the health of our children we urge you not to grant a permit to the Ford Motor Co., to use this site for their toxic waste.

We will appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and we thank you for your attention.

John and Helen Varasdi

John Varasdi

Helen Varasdi

2640 Detroit Street
Dearborn, Mi., 48124

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Mr. Lee M. Thomas / Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington D.C. 20460

Dear Sir; Re 980-568-711 MID.

Being Citizens and taxpayers of Dearborn for 35 years now, we are vigorously opposed to Ford Motor Company dumping their toxic waste material at the Allen Park clay mine pits. We live in a nice residential home area only 3 short blocks from this waste site, and this is not a garbage & toxic waste dump community and also being so close to the Allen Park Veterans Hospital, how can Ford Motor Company get a permit to do this sort of thing to this community! Why don't they dump this toxic waste where they made it, right on their own plant grounds right at the Ford Rouge Plant where they have a lot of room over there. We need your help in this project to stop this dumping. This dumping has been going on here for quite some time now until we found out the material was toxic - now it should be stopped for health reasons & human life protection for this whole area.

yours truly

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Pfeiffer
1665 Birchcrest Dr.
Dearborn, Mich. 48124

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— 1568 Birchcrest
Dearborn, Mo.

Nov. 30, 1985

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Re: File # MLD 980-568-711

We vigorously oppose the
proposed waste site allowing
the Ford Motor Company to
dispose of toxic waste.

The Allen Park clay mine
is very close to my home
which is in a fine residential
area.

It is also very close to
a major tourist attraction,
Greenfield Village.

We don't feel it is proper
to put the health of so many
in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Evelyn H. Davidson

Franklin E. Davidson

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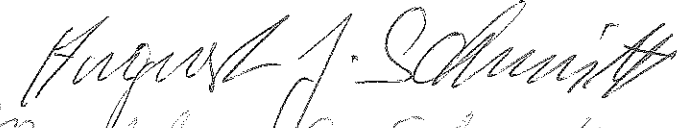
Dear Mr. Thomas!

We are writing to you out of desperation. We need your help. The Ford Motor Company has a dump located in their clay mine property in Allen Park, Michigan.

This property is in a residential area and affects three different Cities. The Ford Motor Co. has applied for a permit, allowing them to dump hazardous waste products in this mine. We are very concerned and fearful about the possibility of the permit being approved. The dump would cause property values to plunge and cause possible health risks to the surrounding population.

Your help is urgently needed. Please do everything you can to see that the permit for the dump is denied.

The file NO for this proposal is: MID 980-568-711

Sincerely, 
Magdalen C. Schmitt
James E. Schmitt

11/29/88

Mr Lee M Thomas, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/SW

Washington, D.C. 20460

File # MID

980-568-711

Dear Sir

The Allen Park Clay mine is surrounded by residential areas of Allen Park, Melvindale + Dearborn. We should not be subjected to this health hazard in the midst of such a large residential area + implore you to deny the FoMo Co a permit to use the Allen Park Clay mine as a dumping site for their toxic waste. They certainly have the resources to seek another site + we hope the EPA is enlightened enough to influence the DNR in Michigan to deny FoMo Co their permit. No segment of the population should be subjected to such a health hazard. FoMo Co should use its profits + ~~the~~ thousands of creative minds at FoMo Co to find another solution to their ~~problem~~ other than dumping the waste at their back doors. Thank you for whatever you can do. ours.

Mr + Mrs John DePoli

1413 Venice

Dearborn Mi 48124

1928 Clinic
Dearborn, Mi. 48124
Nov. 30 - 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas,
Environmental Protection Agency,
401 M/ S.W.
Washington D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I believe before a permit
is given to Ford Motor Company
to dispose of toxic wastes at
the Allen Park, Mi. clay mine other
sites should be considered.

File no. MID 980-568-711

Sincerely
Elizabeth M. Schamp

File number:
MID 980-568-711

Earl & Ruth Warner
18519 Audette
Dearborn, Mi. 48124

Dear Mr. Thomas,

We have been residents of Dearborn since 1949 and we don't want to move anywhere else.

We don't want the Ford Motor Co. to dispose of toxic waste at the Allen Park Clay mine anymore.

Dearborn has always been a nice place to live but Ford Motor Co is ruining it with their waste.

Yours truly,

Ruth M. Warner
Earl Warner

—1906 Cedar
Dearborn, Michigan 48124
December 1, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas/Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/8th.
Washington, D.C. 20460 (File No. MIA-980-568-711)
Representative J. Dingee
2221 Rayburn Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sir:

We are a resident and tax payers
of Dearborn, Michigan, and we do not
want Ford Motor Company to be
granted a permit allowing them to
dispose of toxic waste at the Allen Park
Clay mine. We vigorously oppose this
proposed waste site.

Sincerely yours
Paul J. Kulcsar

Mrs. Amelia Kulcsar

File No. - MIA-980-568-711

MID 980-568-711

1450 Walnut
Dearborn Mi 48124
12-2-88

Mr Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
Environmental Protection Administrator
401 M/SW.
Washington, D.C., 20460.

Dear Mr. Thomas.

We strongly disagree with the granting of
a permit to Ford Motor Company allowing
them to dispose of toxic waste in the Allen
Park clay mine.

We live three blocks from the mine
and have lived here since 1953. My
husband and I have both had major surgery
for carcinoma within the last two years.
We have strong feelings that the thousands
of truck loads of waste which has been dumped
in this mine is responsible for our
conditions.

As a tax payer and resident of Dearborn
I urge you to protect us and our children
from the Ford Motor Co. being allowed to dispose
of this toxic waste at the Allen Park clay mine.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Madlyn and Fred Mitchell
1450 Walnut
Dearborn Mi 48124

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19025 Audette Street
Dearborn, Michigan 48124
December 1, 1988

Mrs Lee M. Thomas
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M / S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Sir

We're writing re: file # M10980-568-711.
Ford Motor Co. should not be
allowed the renewal license for
toxic waste disposal at Oakwood
& Southfield in Dearborn.
Our immediate block, in our neighbor-
hood, has had 5 deaths due to
cancer. We live too close to the
dump site for Ford Motor Co.
to dispose of waste almost in
our back yard. Please listen to
to concerned citizens before it's too
late.

Mrs & Mrs Leo H.
Le Blanc

Terry D. Goebel
1929 Hollywood
Dearborn, Mi. 48124
12/01/88

Mr. Lee M. Thomas, Administrator Re: File # MID 980-568-711
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M / S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Sir:

This is a time of fear and great concern for the residents of Dearborn, Michigan. We are concerned for our health and safety, as well as our economic well being. This fear has been caused by Ford Motor Company's request to use a clay mine located in our community as a toxic waste disposal site. The exact location of the sight is on the corner of Interstate Highway 94 and Oakwood Blvd. So, not only is this proposed area a health hazard to the residents of Dearborn, but also to the neighboring community of Melvindale. Not only are the citizens of these fine communities in jeopardy, but the many businesses in close proximity are as well. The final insult is that this proposed dump would only be a few blocks from Oakwood Hospital, long recognized for its quality health care.

We as conscientious citizens cannot sit back and allow Ford to dump their garbage in our back yards. In addition, Ford cannot be trusted to act with concern in such matters, as we have already seen how they have attempted to ruin our environment by the present day condition of the once clean Rouge River. Ford states that at Ford Motor Company, "Quality is Job One". Perhaps they need to further update their slogan to include, "Quality of Human Life is Dead Last".

Please, we beg you to do anything in your power to halt any and all actions by Ford Motor Company to destroy our lives, health, happiness, and the economic well being we deserve as tax paying citizens of Dearborn.

Very truly yours,



Terry D. Goebel

cc: Representative J. Dingel
2221 Rayburn Office Bldg
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dec 2, 1988

Mrs. Lee M. Thomas,

I am writing to express my concern about the Ford Inter Allen Park Clay mine toxic waste dump.

Mid 980-568-7111 MID

After attending many meetings regarding this subject I took a random ~~test~~ study to see if we should be concerned. The

answer is yes. I found jaw, Eye, Colon, stomach, lung and many breast cancers. much too many to be normal. The

(53 years old)

most devastating case was a vibrant friend struck with a seizure from a brain tumor five minutes before he was to walk his daughter down the aisle. The couple were married the next day at Oakwood Hospital. After a year of fighting for his life and spending thousands of dollars he only has days left.

Now I ask you, does a company making huge profits have the right to dump their heavy metal toxic waste in the midst of such a heavy congested

area?? Does no one care about
human life?? It is very discouraging
to see that business and money
come before humanity.

I purchased my home 10 years
ago from a lady that died of cancer.
Thursday, I went to Oakwood Hospital
to have a biopsy of my
breast.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Dean
2041 Detroit
Dearborn, MI 48124

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EPA (CID 980-568-711)

Please put a stop to
the dumping of toxic waste
at Ford Motor Company's
Allen Park, Mich. clay mine.
This is unsafe to the
people of the Dearborn area.

It is hazardous to the
migratory waterfowl who
frequent the site.

It is polluting the air in
our community.

Please deny dumping permits.

ED MERRELL
2135 CORNELL
DEARBORN, MI
48124

Mr. Lee M. Thomas
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: MID 980-568-711

Mr. Thomas,

I am writing to voice my protest over toxic waste being stored in my community. The area I am referring to is located at Oakwood and Southfield Roads in Dearborn, Michigan and I and my children live and attend school 1/2 mile from this location.

It is inconceivable to me that in this day and age, such materials can be dumped in a residential area, thus endangering the environment rather than protecting it!

As a taxpayer, do I not have the right to vote and approve or disapprove such a decision? Or, are my taxes used only to provide you with a paycheck so you can reside safely and comfortably in Washington without regard to the lives you are endangering? I cannot believe your conscience will allow you to continue.

The Detroit News has already published an article stating the abnormally high cancer rate in this area due to previous dumping. In light of this, if you continue to proceed with this toxic waste area, you are saying to this community "Who cares about you? We're going to continue to dump materials that are hazardous to your health and we don't care if you get cancer!" Even the Surgeon General will issue public warnings about cigarette smoking endangering a persons health and yet you feel it is acceptable to infect our community with poisons and feel no responsibility to the citizens of this community to not only warn us but protect us from this!

I am not concerned with the convenience of the storage pit to Ford Motor Company - - I am not concerned with the cost of transporting it elsewhere (at least then my tax dollars would be put to good use) but I AM CONCERNED FOR THE HEALTH OF MY CHILDREN AND MYSELF!! I IMPLORE YOU TO STOP--FOR GOD'S SAKE STOP!

Debra Ober
3354 Raymond
Dearborn, Mi 48124
(313) 562-4382

Dec 1, 1988

file # MID 980-568-711

Dear Mr Thomas,

As residents of Dearborn living only two blocks away from the Ford Motor Co. Allen Park Clay Mine. We are Very Concerned of the D. N. R. granting Ford Motor Co. a permit to dump toxic waste in this landfill which is located in a highly populated area.

During the nineteen fiftys toxic waste was dumped in this landfill. Now some thirty some years later surveys show we have more brain and liver cancer in our Snow Woods area, than in all of Wayne County. One block away from this site on Linden Street we have thirteen families with cancer out of twenty five interviews.

Please help us delay this permit until more studies can be done.

Help us move this site out and away of this highly populated area.

Thank You
Mr & Mrs John Vitab

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To whom it may concern,

We firmly oppose the
dumping of toxic waste in
our residential area.

We are not satisfied
with the statistics of the
American Cancer Society. They
did not survey our home.

File # MID 980-568-711

Thank You

The Telford Family
19224 Audette
Deerborn, Mich 48124
313-274-3871

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Edward & Betty Bennett
1727 Linden
Dearborn, Michigan 48124

Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
E. P. A.
401 M. S. St.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Thomas,

We are absolutely furious to learn that a Federal Government Agency (E.P.A.), funded by our tax dollars, is bringing pressure to bear on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to issue another permit (E.P.A. File No. Mid-980-568-711) so Ford Motor Company can dump more hazardous and toxic waste on the people of this area. We thought E.P.A. meant Protection of the people. We have had enough and you people had better hear us.

What sort of idiot would put a dump of this kind in the midst of thousands of people? Example: Allen Park Veterans' Hospital is almost on the dump (Let's give our Veterans the very best. Ha!) A huge general Hospital 4 blocks away, 3 schools - 3 & 4 blocks away, bulk mail center across the road, and on and on, and on —.

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Ford Motor Company is rich and powerful, but
so are the voters of these three cities who've
banded together to stop the poisoning of our
people. Listen to these people - all of us. We are
through being nice about it. No more!

Truthfully,

Betty & Edward Bennett

(Mrs.) Ruth Russell
641 Ridgemont
Dearborn, MI 48124

December 17, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas, Adm.
U.S.E.P.A
401M, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Hazardous Waste
EPA File #MID-980-568-711

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I'm writing to urge you to prohibit Ford Motor Company from obtaining a permit to dump toxins in its dump in Allen Park.

I've lived in Dearborn all my life, 25 years in the "high risk" area (within 3 miles of the dump), and now in the "at risk" area (within 8 miles of the dump). When I recently found that 5 of my former neighbors now have, or have had cancer, I became outraged, realizing that this has to be more than "coincidence"!

For the health and safety of all of us, please do not allow the Wayne Disposal Company to continue dumping toxins for Ford Motor company in the dump in Allen Park. I would appreciate a reply from you indicating your position on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Russell".

Ruth Russell

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December 2, 1988

Dear Mr. ^{Lee M.} Thomas

It has been brought to my attention that the DNR says it is being pushed by you to issue permit # MID 980-568-711 (the Allen Park Hazardous Landfill Permit).

Has the clout of the Ford Motor Company become more important than the health and welfare of the communities that surround this monstrosity?

Haven't you people learned anything from the disasters that have already occurred throughout the country.

The dust alone created by this dump is hazard enough to put a stop to it. On dry windy days it rises in the sky like a cloud and you cannot even see the trees that surround the dump.

It would be nice if the people in charge would start thinking about people instead of the big companies and the colossal buck!

Sincerely,

Shirley M. Ganzini
1820 Southfield Road
Dearborn, Mich.
48124

3343 Crescent
Dearborn, Michigan
Nov. 30, 1988

Dear Sir:

This letter is in regard to the
Ford Motor Company request (410-980-568-711)
to dump TOXIC and SOLID HAZARDOUS WASTES
in our neighborhood. I know it is their
property, but it is one mile from my
house. My sub-division extends right
up to the fence of this dump!

The E.P.A. is supposed to be
protecting the environment from present
and future pollution. Why then is the
FEDERAL E.P.A. pressuring the STATE EPA
to grant a license to Ford Motor Co. to dump
TOXIC and SOLID HAZARDOUS SOLID WASTES
across the street from a residential
neighborhood?

Use common sense, encourage
BIG BUSINESS to find a safer way to
dispose of their dangerous wastes. Is
any body in your office moved by my plea?
R. Dykstra

Company the permit. If this is true,
how could your agency have so little
regard for the taxpayer's lives in
this case? Has gold influence your decisions?

Our government just spent
millions of the taxpayer's money to
free 2 trapped whales in the
Arctic. Good I.R. with the Soviet
Union & yet our same government
will allow "Big Business" to dump
toxic waste in highly residential
areas with absolutely no regard
for the people. We all know
what toxic waste is doing to the
environment & how it kills the
animals & plant life. Well this
area is highly saturated with
cancer patients. Neither Mr. Law
Schwartz nor Mr. Jeffrey Limber,
who are mentioned in the enclosed
article, will convince us that the
high rate of cancer here is because it
is an older neighborhood. Their
indifference & statements show true

ignorance & disregard for humanity.
To me wants to do an indepth
career study of this area. Could it
be they just might find this area
is another "Love Canal"? We are sure it is.

Your obvious response to this
letter would be to tell me to
sell my house & move out. Will
you buy my house? I'm
sure you would not & neither
will anyone else. Already the
banks here are unwilling to give
people a mortgage for these
homes. We are looking at homes
which are well-kept up, values
were high, until this hit. The media,
& the people took a great deal of
pride in their homes & community.

We have attended meeting,
after meeting only to find the
DPL yawn, doodle, shuffle restlessly
in their seats & skirt around every
legimate question, the taxpayers have
a right to know about. It is

irritating. We are angry that there is so little concern both by "Big Business," in this case the Ford Motor Company, & the government, for the rights of the people of this country. It is obvious that "Big Business" takes the "Hell" with the people; government just goes right along with it.

This is a Bicentennial year & I'm sure our forefathers did not want government to be dictated to by "Big Business," or they would never have created the idea of a separation of powers in government.

We will continue to fight this dumping of toxic waste in our area, as should everyone.

Sincerely,
Sabine Yeager
1795 Sherwood Ct.
Hearon, Mi. 48184

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LARRY WRIGHT



Neighbors fear Dearborn dump is linked to cancers

Jim Mitzelfeld
News Staff Writer

Many in her Dearborn neighborhood would prefer to keep it a secret, but Dot Peterson said Friday that nearly everyone is afraid a nearby toxic dump is to blame for what they believe is the area's high cancer toll.

"I'm not worrying about our property values going down because I don't want to be a young corpse," said Peterson, a 66-year-old survivor of colon and uterine cancer, explaining why she's not afraid to speak out.

Peterson and many of her ailing neighbors live within blocks of the Ford Motor Co.'s 33-year-old dump in Allen Park, south of Oakwood Boulevard between the Ford and Southfield freeways.

Their concerns have convinced the Michigan Department of Public Health to order a new study to see just how prevalent cancer is in the neighborhoods around the site. Using existing cancer statistics, the Michigan Cancer Foundation plans to compare cancer rates in Allen Park, Michigan, and the Snow

Woods section of Dearborn with the rest of Wayne County.

THE RESULTS aren't expected, however, until after the state Department of Natural Resources rules on Ford's request to renew burying potentially deadly heavy metals at the landfill.

The automaker buried a wide assortment of hazardous materials in the 260-acre former clay mine between 1956 and 1986, when toxic dumping was halted because the landfill failed to meet tougher new federal environmental standards.

This new request has stirred up local residents, who say they've had enough. They complain that dust from the open landfill has blown into their homes, polluted their gardens, eaten the paint off their homes and even stuck to their bodies.

"There's got to be something we can do because we're breathing this in. And it gets on the food," said Betty Bennett, a local activist who found 13 of 25 homes on Linden Street had been hit with cancer in an

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Dump

Neighbors fear
Dearborn site
linked to cancers

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informal study she began three weeks ago.

Peterson said six of the seven homes near hers on Linden have been hit with uterine, breast or colon cancers.

"I REALLY FEEL this is more than a coincidence. All these people getting sick with cancer, and most of them have been lifelong residents," Peterson said.

Corey Nanninga, a retired deliveryman who said he never smoked, strongly suspects the dump was responsible for his bout with lung cancer seven years ago. He said the dump should be closed.

Ann Schwartz, chief of the cancer foundation's epidemiology unit, said

One resident
suspects the
dump was
responsible for
his bout with
lung cancer.

many people fail to realize just how common cancer is — one out of four people, especially in the Detroit area.

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1504 Venice
Dearborn, Mi.
Nov. 29, 1988

Dr. Sir,

We are opposed to
disposal of toxic waste at
the Allen Park clay mine.

The file number is

ML 2 980-568-711

Sincerely,
Hon. Marilyn Lamberty

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U.S. EPA, REGION V
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION
1717 Linden
Dearborn, MI 48124
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
December 3, 1988

Mr. Lee M. Thomas, Administrator
EPA
401 M/S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am writing to protest the granting of a permit to Ford Motor Company to dump toxic waste at the Allen Park dump site. I live and work within a mile of the dump site and am very concerned about potential hazards of the dump to the health of myself, my family and my neighbors.

One of my neighbors has made an informal survey in which it was found that an unusually large number of residents on our street have died of cancer in the past five years. Admittedly, this survey was not a statistically valid one but should not a valid cancer ^{survey} of the neighborhood surrounding the dump site before a new permit is granted?

Does Ford Motor Co. have to dump hazardous waste in a residential neighborhood? Why shouldn't a toxic waste dump be located at least 10 or more miles from residential areas? Would not this be safer considering the potential hazards of air borne or water borne toxic material being ingested by humans because of escape from the dump site?

Is not there always risk of escape of toxic materials both during the transfer to the dump site and during long storage?

Please help save our health and possibly our lives! Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence E Vos
Clarence E. Vos

P.S. Please refer to file # MID 980-568-711

Dec 1, 1988

I am a taxpayer of the city of Dearborn, in the snow woods area. I am writing this letter in objection of the Ford Motor Company toxic waste dump at Allen Park clay mine.

I vigorously oppose this because this would endanger the health of my family and children, also lower my property value.

I never heard of a toxic dump in a residential area please put a stop to this.

File No MID 980-568-711

Thank you

Gasper Volpe

18535 Audette

Dearborn, Mich

48124

FILE NUMBER
MID 980-568-711

Sir;

12/1/88

Being a Retired Ford Salaried Worker I cant help but feel sympathetic toward the Co. However it seems we are dealing with some irresponsible management people. They obviously don't live in the Dearborn - Allen Park area.

The last thing we need in our residential neighborhood is a waste dump of this magnitude. I believe this company can afford to transport this material to a non-populated area.

Yes we are concerned about our property values as this issue continues to stay with us.

When we bought our homes

we were not informed as to what the C. B. A. had in mind for us. Come to think of it. I thought the C. B. A. was on our side.

As active citizens in Dearborn we have our eyes open and will not stand by and let this dumping take place.

say what they want about protecting the mess with plastic liners or what.

Our weather in Michigan will not tolerate such a plan with the freezing and thawing we experience.

I wonder what Veterans Administration, The Dearborn Inn and The Greenfield Village think of this problem. The Vet's Hospital is next door to the dump. Yours
Rich + Marge Howard

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DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.
MICHIGAN

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 12, 1988

The Honorable Lee M. Thomas
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20460

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Dear Administrator Thomas:

I am writing to follow up on discussions with your staff with regard to the proposed permit for the Ford Clay Mine Hazardous Waste Landfill in Allen Park, MI.

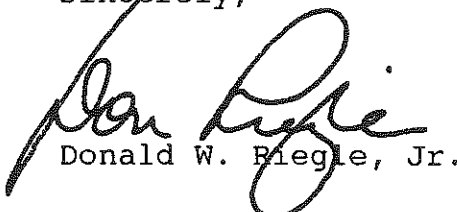
As you are aware, public officials and local residents have raised a number of concerns about the safety of the proposed facility. I share their concerns for the health and well-being of those living nearby and strongly urge you to make sure that these concerns are given all due consideration as you determine whether or not to issue this permit.

I understand that the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 set up stringent siting criteria for facilities of this type to prevent releases of hazardous materials into the groundwater, surface water or into the air, and require continued monitoring and testing at the site. I would again urge you to make sure these requirements are fully met before any permit is issued.

This is a very important matter, and one about which the residents of the nearby communities are justifiably concerned. I hope that you will do all you can to make sure that the health and well-being of residents of this area will be protected. To that end, I would appreciate receiving an assessment of the major concerns that have been raised at this site to date as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

DWR/jh
cc. Mr. Valdas V. Adamkus

12/14/88

FYI: ~~Mary Gade~~
Dave Ulrich

O: WMD
CC: RF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS
FROM: 227-G WMDW
382-7840

TO: MR. A. B. B. B.

FROM: HONORABLE DONALD W. RIECK, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

CONSTITUTION

SUBJECT: PERMIT FOR CLAY LANE IN CALLEN PARK

APPROVED: 1. HON. WASH. & ENV. RES.

SIGNATURE: ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

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U. S. EPA REGION 5
OFFICE OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Dec. 2, 1988

Dear Rep. Dingel,

We are vigorously opposed to the request by the Ford Motor Co. asking permission to dispose of toxic waste at the Allen Park clay mine; file # MID 98-568-711.

I am extremely & personally involved in the above matter. I am a 61 yr. old male & have lived in my home for 36 years; 1852 Walnut Dearborn, Mi 48124. Three years ago I had surgery for Breast Cancer. No one in my family history has ever had cancer of any kind. I am firmly convinced that my disease was caused by the pollution and contamination in our area.

Sincerely,

Dionino Nalli
Emily Nalli

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AT

FORD ALLEN PARK, MICHIGAN

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is preparing to issue a Federal permit to the Ford Motor Company and its subsidiary Rouge Steel to operate a hazardous waste landfill. The Ford/Rouge Steel facility is located in Allen Park, Michigan and is referred to as the Ford Allen Park Clay Mine.

On July 20, 1988, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the U.S. EPA jointly public noticed an intent to issue a Michigan Public Act 64 operating license and a Federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) permit to Ford and Rouge Steel. Both the State License and the Federal Permit are required to operate the landfill.

The Ford Allen Park Clay Mine is a landfill facility owned/operated and used solely for the disposal of Ford/Rouge Steel waste. The total site covers approximately 260 acres, while the hazardous waste landfill portion of the facility covers 17 acres. These 17 acres of the hazardous waste portion of the landfill are divided into two (2), 8-acre cells numbered I and II. The remainder of the site is devoted to landfilling nonhazardous solid wastes. The draft Federal Permit addresses Cell II, while Cell I has been closed.

The Federal part of the draft permit places requirements on the Ford Motor Company, above and beyond the State's Act 64 Operating License. The U.S. EPA's authority to do this is based upon a Congressional Act, specifically, the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

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A major provision of the draft Federal permit will compel the facility to take corrective action for any releases of hazardous wastes or constituents to the environment. This includes releases to the atmosphere, groundwater, surface water, soil, and sediment. As such, the Federal permit for the Allen Park facility will require Ford/Rouge Steel to determine the presence or absence of past or present releases. If releases did occur, the permit will then require a determination of the extent of the resulting contamination and its subsequent cleanup. The corrective action provisions of the draft Federal permit covers all the solid waste management units at the Allen Park site, including both the solid and hazardous waste landfills. If contamination is documented, the Federal permit would then be modified to include any corrective measures deemed necessary by U.S. EPA. A schedule has been included in the draft permit to ensure that corrective action activities are completed in a timely manner.

A second requirement of the Federal part of this permit concerns waste minimization. Under this provision, Ford/Rouge must reduce to a minimum the quantity and toxicity of the hazardous wastes that are generated by the facility landfill.

A third requirement of the Federal permit, places limitations upon the types of material which can be disposed of in the landfill. These limitations are usually referred to as the Land Ban Restrictions. These regulations require

Ford/Rouge to reduce the toxicity and mobility of certain hazardous wastes before they can be accepted into the landfill. Other regulations prohibit the disposal of liquids into the landfill.

Finally, a fourth provision of the Federal permit, deals with the design of Cell II. The Federal requirements for hazardous waste landfills include a double liner system, with a liquid collection system above the top liner and a leak detection system between the liners. The design of Cell II shall meet these Federal requirements.

In conclusion, the Federal permit for the Ford/Rouge Allen Park Landfill will insure:

1. The characterization and subsequent cleanup of any existing contamination at the site;
2. Ford/Rouge to minimize the waste generated by the facility;
3. The prohibition of the disposal of liquids and land restricted wastes; and
4. That the design of Cell II will meet the Federal requirements for hazardous waste landfills.

By granting this permit, all of these requirements will be brought into effect. The U.S. EPA believes that this will be protective of human health and the environment.

This issue will require
immediate action and must
be stopped. Your help in this
serious issue would be
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Yours,
Ronald & Diane
McKay
1916 Houston
Warborn, Mich.
48124

a hazardous waste reduction bill in the U.S. Congress and may become federal law soon. Ford Motor Co. could be considered a good corporate citizen if they could comply with these conditions in advance of the law.

4. News articles lately have mentioned Macomb County considering inflatable domes to cover solid waste landfills. It seems that it would solve several problems at once if this was used for this site. I believe this should warrant further study before granting a permit.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed McArdle".

Ed McArdle
18841 Reed
Melvindale, Mi. 48122
313-388-6645

My name is Eleanor Brown. I live at 1554 Hollywood, Dearborn. The Oakwood Hospital Area.

I strongly object to the Ford Motor Co. Clay Mine Landfill so close to a residential area.

This landfill was established very quietly back in 1956 when I already was a resident of my present address. As residents so close to this hazardous dumpsite we were ignored. That was unfair.

The government, hospitals, doctors, and nurses continuously keep us vigilant concerning cancer. Cancer Society mail is continuous. What are you going to do for us?

Industries, big business and even some government divisions are ignoring the health of U. S. Citizens who have rights too.

Let us eliminate our dangers now.

2652 Venice St.
Dearborn, MI 48124
September 14, 1988
(Updated 4-9-89)

RE: EPA FILE NO. MID 980 568 711

SUBJECT: FORD MOTOR CO. ALLEN PK. CLAY MINE HAZARDOUS WASTE LANDFILL

Dear Sirs:

This letter is being sent to your department in the hope that it will add one more protest to the hazardous dumping in our area, by the Ford Motor Company, at the Clay Mine on corner of Southfield Rds. and Oakwood Plvd., (Dearborn, Press) (Allen Pk., MI.) Our city newspaper carried an article informing people that the Snow Woods Association has requested a second hearing on this matter. Since I will not be able to attend, since I am presently ill with Asthma and Emphysema and seldom attend gatherings because of the smoking (and very susceptible to germs.) However, I wish to inform the DNR of the number of Cancer deaths in our immediate block. (Also Lung problems- which is cause of my husband's death, May 1987, & who was concerned about dumping.)

As follows: (Within last eight years)- list of Cancer deaths:

Venice St. - Ruth Fuchanan - formerly 2661 Venice St. (Lung cancer)
(near Ash St) (surviving spouse living in Dbn.)
- Betty Laird - formerly 2623 Venice St. (Lung cancer)
(surviving sons - Downriver Area)
- John Beanblossom - 2643 Venice St. (Lung cancer)-1986
*- Wife at 3116 Venice - (Cancer)- 1987 (Husband survives)

- Frieda Darwish - 2636 Venice St. - Operated Successfully
(near Ash St) *Resumed talent after 5 yrs.* (Chemo-therapy -Cancer)
Lived on - Wife - Adeline Bryant- Cancer 1985. (Dead)
(near Ash St) (Surviving son - same add.) (1995) *Dearborn*
- TOM M. - Presently being treated for brain cancer-at trt. center
Hollywood St. - 2661 Wife died of LUNG PROBLEMS (1986) in Texas)
" " - 2651 Husband died of cancer (1982)
" " - 3105 Husband died of cancer (1986)

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HAZARDOUS WASTE TO BE DUMPED AT CLAY MINE -
BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY OR ANY COMPANY.

NEW: 2643 Willow - Pat Molitor)
BRAIN CANCER -1988.

Thanking you,

Anne M. Onge
(11. Anne St. Onge)

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Residents get help in landfill fight

By JOHN GRANT
Staff Writer

Residents of Dearborn's Snow Woods neighborhood may have received an unintended, yet fortuitous helping hand from Detroit Mayor Coleman Young.

Young's attempt to legislatively reclassify toxic waste from the "world's largest incinerator" located near Detroit's Eastern Market may have aided residents by helping to marshal forces in opposition to the plan and by calling attention to the dangers of area landfills.

THE PROPOSED legislation, supported by many out-state municipalities, has prompted the American Lung Association of Michigan, a non-profit public health organization, to write the Michigan Legislature about the public health hazards posed by landfills and toxic ash.

Alex Sagady, the lung association's director of environmental and occupational health, said that latest studies show "the highest total suspended particle air pollution concentrations in the state are monitored in and around hazardous/solid waste landfill sites in Wayne County."

The letter states that the adequate monitoring of even non-hazardous

waste at a landfill is unlikely and improperly controlled in this area.

RESIDENTS OF THE Snow Woods neighborhood, with residents from surrounding communities, have recently protested a Ford Motor Co. request to have its clay mine landfill in Allen Park certified for hazardous waste storage. Non-hazardous waste is now dumped at the landfill.

The Ford application has stirred

protests from neighbors in the areas adjacent to the landfill, a site bounded by Outer Drive, Oakwood, I-94 and the Southfield Expressway. The surrounding communities claim that unusually high rates of cancer and other serious diseases resulting from the landfill have been detected in the area, and that a hazardous waste landfill will greatly increase the danger of living in the area.

SAGADY SAID the Department of Natural Resources "cannot necessarily ensure good fugitive dust control" at what the public expects "should be the most stringently controlled sites for hazardous waste disposal."

The letter specifically addresses a recent attempt to exempt municipal waste incinerator ash from current requirements of hazardous waste

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New finance plan explained

By ANNE RUNKLE
Staff Writer

Numerous school finance reform proposals have come and gone in Lansing in recent years, but one legislator thinks he has a proposal that can appease everyone.

Rep. Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis, who plans to re-introduce the school finance bill he co-authored, spoke in Dearborn Heights at a meeting of the Wayne County Taxpayers' Association March 22, explaining why his proposal is unique over the other plans.

HIS PROPOSAL mimics many others in suggesting a 50 percent increase in the state sales tax, while offering a property tax reduction in

school millage rates, in order to create greater equity in per-pupil expenditures in districts statewide.

The most important difference, according to Oxender, is that this proposal, if it is approved by the Legislature and then by the voters, will be protected by the Michigan Constitution. It cannot be changed except by a vote of the people. So it will not be affected by partisan debates, as other plans have been.

Revenue generated by the sales tax increase will be used to offset the property tax abatement, but will be "tied up" for funding of public education, Oxender said.

MONEY WOULD be distributed to school districts over the life of a five-year growth plan, Oxender explained. In the first year, all districts would be assigned a new, lower, millage rate, based on how much they are spending per student. The state would make up the difference between what the district formerly collected under its millage levy and what it could collect under the new rate.

After the new revenue level is defined, a charter millage is set, factoring in property values in the area. Districts could increase their millage

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Letter may help Snow Woods

LETTER, From Page One

law. The laws, HB 4304 and HB 4311, would allow hazardous waste from municipal incinerators to be stored in non-hazardous designated waste sites.

HB 4304 has been referred to committee, while HB 4311 passed the House on March 21 and will be read into the Senate when the legislators return from Easter break.

THE LETTER ACCUSES the incinerator operating companies of knowing all along that the ash is hazardous and expensive to put in landfills. Sagady said there is no safe way known to control the waste, and for the companies to imply there was no problem was misleading.

Ford closed its hazardous waste

and federal disposal laws. The company has used part of the site as a non-hazardous landfill, yet said the area will be filled soon.

Representatives of the Ford Motor Co. have described the Allen Park

facility as "the safest" in Michigan.

The DNR has yet to grant permission to the Ford Motor Co. to dump hazardous waste in what residents describe as a "highly populated residential area."

*Sagady
Max Sagady
559-5100
19mm
Southfield*

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I, Mary H. Bilk, duly elected City Clerk of the City of Gibraltar do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution that was passed at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of November, 1988.

GENTLEMEN:

I am Ardys D. Bennett, Chief Building Inspector and staff member of the Environmental Commission on behalf of the City of Allen Park. I would like to submit the following for your consideration:

1. As background, I have been aware of the claymine dump since 1963 at which time the Homeowners Association, the City Council and Ford Motor met to discuss the problems of blowing sand, burning debris, etc. At that time, the items being dumped were not considered hazardous. Ford Motor did take corrective action to solve the problems we were having. We have worked with Ford since that time and until the new classification of Hazardous waste we had no problems to speak of.

With the debris that is being dumped of which a percentage is considered hazardous waste, we have a greater problem to protect the citizens of Allen Park, Dearborn & Melvindale.
2. It is our understanding that Mr. Quackenbush U.S.E.P.A. is to issue an additional permit that will include corrective action requirements. Has this been done and if so may we obtain a copy?
3. It has been rumored that waste from other sources than Ford Motor will be deposited at this site. In the application it states "this in-house operation provides for tight control of waste management activities since Ford handles the waste from "cradle to grave." Will outsiders other than Ford be able to dump here? If so, who and what?

4. In reviewing the plan, I find nowhere does it state that Allen Park is to be advised of any problems on this site. This I believe has to be corrected since all water from the site is to be dumped into the Allen Park Drain. The dust from the site will blow over Allen Park. We do not believe that after a storm when surface water monitoring discloses a problem that we should have to wait until the Director is advised 30 days after the problem and then the Director at a later date advises Allen Park of this problem. In any case, when there is a spill, sediment monitoring program, leak detection, static water level measurements, the results of this test should be submitted to the City of Allen Park as well as to the Director.
5. The Construction Quality Assurance Plan does not include the City of Allen Park in the pre-construction meeting nor are any of the reports copied to the City of Allen Park.
6. Since you will be dumping annually about 72,300 tons of tar-sludge of which 47.7 tons is naphthaline and 2.2 tons of phenolic compounds as you are well aware these are very hazardous waste and are known to leach thru clay very quickly. It is hoped that your two liners hold this sludge since we have water below and now that the Salt mines have dug out all the area about 900 to 1300 feet below this dump which is now filling up with water, we could only expect problems with our ground water should the liners fail. It is expected that your checking will be done more often than once a year since this is now Hazardous Waste dump.

7. The Chairman of our Environmental Commission has reviewed this plan and finds it to be basically in order but wishes to know the following:

Page 36 in the General Description Section B -

a statement is made that indicates the tar-sludge (K087 Waste) is disposed of in other locations in either the sintering process or the open hearth furnace operation.

Is this possible at Rouge Steel?

8. Also, in Section B reference (16) in the middle of the page is not listed on page 58.
9. As to the training program as stated in your plan, how often will the workers be required to attend training schools, and what medical steps have been taken to check the workers to see if they are being affected in any way by working with the hazardous waste.
10. To sum up, I wish to again point out that Allen Park must be included in all notices of any problems at the time of the problem and must be permitted to be present at all pre-construction meetings. We must be permitted to inspect the site at any time during working hours.
- Allen Park wishes to work with Ford Motor, the D.N.R. and USEPA in this matter but we can only do so if we are fully informed.

THANK YOU!

MY NAME IS BRENDA LIVEOAK. MY ADDRESS IS 727 S. DUMFRIES IN DETROIT. I AM PRESIDENT OF OAKWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ASSOC. OF WHICH SOME OF OUR MEMBERS ARE IN THE MELVINDALE AREA. THEY ASKED THAT I HAVE A LOOK AT THIS PERMIT AS MANY OF THE WERE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PERMIT.

FIRST OF ALL I GOING OVER THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, FACT SHEET AND INCLUDED COMPLIANCE RECORD, I WAS QUITE CONCERNED OOVER THE ISSUE OF NON-COMPLIANCE. I WAS ALARMED TO SEE THE VARIOUS ACTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE. BUT, I HAVE TO SAY I WAS FURTHER ALARMED TO SEE THAT THERE WAS A LETTER AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE, PAGE 422, ON "INSPECTION REPORTS" IT STATES THAT THESE VIOLATIONS ARE MOSTLY PROCEDURAL IN NATURE. I MUST SAY THAT I DO NOT BELEIVE THAT TO BE TRUE. PROPER LEACHATE LEVELS, RUN OFF AND RUN ON CONTROL NOT BEING PERFORMED, INSUFFICIENT COVER, CITIZENS COMPLAINTS ON FUGITIVE DUST, IMPROPER DECONTAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT, IMPROPER MONITORING AND SO ON. THE INADEQUATE RECORD KEEPING IN NON-COMPLIANCE FOR INSPECTIONS AND INCOMPLETE TRAINING RECORDS ARE DEFICIENCIES THEY SITE AS EXAMPLES INMAJORITY AND THAT SIMPLY IS NOT TRUE. THAT REPORT IS BIASED IN NATURE. BESIDES THE CONSODERATION THE EVALUATER DOES NOT HAVE FOR THE FACT THAT PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCIES CAN OFTEN BE THE LOOP HOLES THAT CAN CREATE CATASTROPHIC ERRORS WHEN DEALING WITH HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTE. THE FACT THAT NONE OF THE VIOLATIONS WERE CONSIDERED MAJOR PRESENTS A NEW PICTURE OF WHAT THE MDNR CONSIDERS SAFE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WHAT DO WE NEED TO WAKE THE DNR, EPA AND THE COUNTY UP? MAYBE A FEW DEAD PEOPLE. BRAIN CANCER. LIVER CANCER LUNG DISEASE, LEARNING DISABILITIES IN CHILDREN, IS THAT WHAT IT TAKES. WHAT ABOUT PROTECTION AND PREVENTIVE PROCEDURE? ARE NOT THESE THINGS IMPORTANT. I DO NOT THINK SO WHEN I READ THE NON-COMPLIANCE RECORD EVALUATION BY THE MDNR. YOU HAVE ALLOWED TOO MUCH TO GO TOO FAR. PLEASE NOTE ON PAGE 426 OF THE POTENTIAL FOR HUMAN EXPOSURE VIA THE WATER WAYS, IT CALLS MANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE SITED AS MERELY PROCEDURAL IN THE NON-COMPLIANCE RECORD AS BEING NECESSARY TO THE CERTAIN DESIGN AND OPERATING FEATURE WHICH MITIGATE THE POTENTIAL FOR RELEASES TO SURFACE WATER. ANOTHER WORDS THEY ARE WHAT WE ARE RELYING ON TO KEEP THIS FROM GETTING INTO THE WATER TABLE. YET YOU WOULD HAVE US TO BELEIVE THAT NON-COMPLIANCE IS MERELY LACK OF TECHNICAL DATA. IT IS THE ONLY SHOT WE HAVE IN PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT.!!

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK FOR AN EXTENTION SO WE MAY HAVE ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING AND MORE TIME TO GO OVER THE PERMIT. I WAS ONLY ABLE TO VIEW THE PERMIT 3 WEEKS AGO IN PARTIAL. THE ENTIRE 2 VOLUMES WAS NOT PUT TOGETHER TIL RECENTLY FOR VIEWING AND THANKS TO LARRY COOGAN HE COPIED SOME OF THE INFO FOR ME AS I HAD LITTLE TIME TO GET TO ALLEN PARK TO VIEW IT. THIS IS NONSENSE. OTHERS COPIES SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO MELVINDALE, AND DEARBORN FOR VIEWING AND TO MY OWN NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION AS AN INTERSTED PARTY TO THIS PERMIT IN THAT WE ARE SO CLOSE IN LOCATION. THIS SHOULD BE AT COST TO THE COMPANY AS PART OF THEIR PUBLIC EDUACION PROCESS. MY ORGANIZATION IS COMPROMISED OF MANY POOR AND ELDERLY WHO CANNOT AFFORD THE HIGH COST OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE. LITTLE HAS BEEN DOWN BY FMC TO MAKE THIS PACKAGE AVAILABE TO INTERSTED PARTIES. IF ANYTHING THEY HAVE DONE ALL THEY CAN TO KEEP OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE ON THIS ONE. CONSIDERING THEIR REPUTATION FOR POOR AIR EMMISION QUALITY AT THE ROUGE FACILTY, POOR MATERIAL HANDLING AT THERE FACILTIES CAUSING FUGITIVE DUST PROBLEMS. AND THEN THIS RECORD OF NON-COMPLIANCE THEY HAVE BEEN A VERY POOR NEIGHBOR. THEY EVEN RECENTLY

SETTLED A LAWSUIT WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE NEAR HERE THAT HAD TERMS IN IT THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO GO BACK TO AIR POLLUTION LEVELS PRIOR TO THE AIR QUALITY ACT AND THOSE PEOPLE COULD NOT TAKE ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FORDS. WHAT A SWEET DEAL THAT WAS. THIS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY WHO WANTS TO LIVE COMPATIBLY WITH US. THEY HAVE NO REGARD FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THESE NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY DO NOT CARE ABOUT TRYING TO HELP THE CITIZENS HERE HAVE A DECENT QUALITY OF LIFE. AGAIN FOR THE SAKE OF WHAT THEY TRY TO MAKE OUT IS JOBS AND PRODUCTIVITY THEY THINK WE SHOULD ALLOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THE FACT IS THEY JUST DO NOT WANT TO CUT IN ON THEIR PROFITS. I HAVE LEARNED A VERY IMPORTANT LESSON SINCE I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE HAZARDOUS WASTE SITINGS. THAT IS THAT COMPANIES WHO DO NOT PUT SOME OF THEIR PROFITS BACK INTO THEIR COMPANIES TO MAKE THEM ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE ARE THE COMPANIES THAT DO THE MOST DAMAGE.

TO SPEAK OF HEALTH, I DRAW ATTENTION TO PAGE 428 OR PAGE 1 OF THE SNOW OODS REPORT REQUESTED BY DEARBORN. DONE BETWEEN 1973 AND 1981. THROUGH OUT THE REPORT EXCESS CANCER NUMBERS ARE REPORTED. I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE PAGE 433 OR PAGE 6 OF THIS REPORT "THERE IS INSUFFICIENT RESULTS AND EVIDENCE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF SNOW WOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ARE AT A HIGHER RISK OF CANCER BECAUSE OF THERE ASSOCIATION WITH AN CLAYMINE LAND FILL DUMP, THAN RESIDENTS OF DEARBORN, OR WHITE RESIDENTS OF EITHER WAYNE COUNTY OR THE TRI-COUNTY AREA.----HOWEVER,---THE FINDINGS REGARDING THE INCREASED INCIDENCE OF BRAIN TUMORS IN BOTH SEXES AND OF LIVER CANCER IN FEMALES MAY WARRANT FURTHER INVESTIGATION." NOW I SUBMIT, WAS THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATION EVER DONE. ALSO ACCORDING TO WIND DIRECTION MONITORING MOST OF THE TIME THE RESIDENTS OF MELVINDALE ARE AT MORE OF A RISK THEN THOSE RESIDENTS. YET SOME HOW WERE IGNORED. I BELIEVE THAT THE MDNR SHOULD REQUEST THE CANCER STUDY RESULTS FOR THE AREA IMMEDIATE TO THE FACILITY FROM ALL THREE CITIES TOUCHING ON THIS LANDFILL WITH THE 3 MILE RADIUS. I THINK A MORE UPDATED STUDY IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME. NOW I KNOW THAT PERHAPS THE CITIES HAVE NOT REQUESTED THESE. I DO NOT KNOW WHY BUT THE MDNR SHOULD NOT IGNORE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC. I DO NOT KNOW IF THE POSITION OF ALLEN PARKS MAYOR AS A HIGH LEVEL EXECUTIVE FOR FORDS HAS COME INTO PLAY ON THIS PERMIT, AND I PRAY IT HASNT BUT I AM SURE THAT THE MAYORS OF MELVIDALE AND DEARBORN HAVE CONCERN OVER THE IMPACT THIS FACILITY HAS HAD ON RESIDENTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE 427 ON POTENTIAL FOR HUMAN EXPOSURE VIA AIR PATHWAY. HERE THE DANGERS OF FUGITIVE EMISSIONS ARE SITED. I HAVE TALKED TO RESIDENTS IN THAT AREA. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DISPLEASURE AT THE FUGITIVE DUST FROM THAT FACILITY IN THE PAST. MANY DID NOT KNOW THAT THERE WAS A HAZARDOUS WASTE DUMP THERE. THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT THERE COULD BE HEAVY METALS AND OTHER PARTICULATES SUCH AS NAMED IN THIS PERMIT IN THAT DUST. THEY WERE UPSET BECAUSE IT WAS DIRTY. NOW WE SEE BECAUSE THIS THING HAS BEEN KEPT SO HUSH HUSH WITH VERY LITTLE PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE TAKING MORE PRECAUTIONS THEN THEY ARE. IS THERE SOME POLICY YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOME WHERE THAT SAYS TO KEEP THE PEOPLE IN THE DARK WILL MAKE YOUR JOB EASIER. WHY ARENT YOU PUSHING PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THESE FACILITIES MORE SO THE PEOPLE CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. AT LEAST THERE WILL BE SOME ADDED AIR MONITORING. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE RESULTS FROM THOSE MONITORING STATIONS AND THE LAND FILL LEAKAGE (SEE PAGE 285D)

SHOULD BE ALSO SENT TO THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPTS OF MEL., AP AND DEARBORN SO THEY MAY KEEP ABREAST OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AND CAN CORRELATE THIS

WITH ANY SINIFICANT HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THE AREA. CONSIDERING THE NATURE OF THE KINDS OF WASTE AND THERE POTENTIAL FOR BEING A FUGITIVE DUST PROBLEM I THINK THIS IS NEEDED. ALSO MORE INFORMATION ON THE ACTUAL MATERIEL HANDLING AT THE FACILTY IS NEEDED TO EDUACTE THE PUBLIC.

I UNDRSTAND THE CONDITION ON PAGE 164 TO WAIVER GROUND WATER STUDIES FOR THIS LOCATION. BUT I DO NOT BELEIVE IN LIGHT OF PAST VIOLATIONS OF THE MANAGING COMPANY WAYNE DISPOSAL AND THERE DIOXIN SCANDAL AT WAYNE LANDFILL. I WOULD FIND THE STATE AT FAULT AND POSSIBLE CONFRONTED WITH A LAWSUIT FOR NEGLGENCE IF THEY ALLOW THIS. ON PAGE 74 THE LAST PARAGRAPH THE EPA RULES TALK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MISMANAGEMENT. THAT COULD HAPPEN HERE IT WOULD BE NEGLIGENT OF THE EPA OR DNR TO WAIVER ANY MONITORING WHEN THE POTENTIAL FOR THIS EXISTS. THIS IS FURTHER ILLUSTRATED BY THE REMARKS ON PAGE 36 UNDER HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES OF WASTE. THE MIDDLE PARAGRAPGH OF THERE OWN APPLICATION. THIS POINT WAS EVEN ARGUED BY DAVID MILLER AND WAYNE DISPOSAL IN A LETTER INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION DATED FEB 16, 1984 PAGE 196.

THE DATA BEING REPORTED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IS NOT OFTEN ENOUGH IF YOU CONSIDER THE FREQUENCY IT COULD BE UP TO 4 MONTHS BEFORE A PROBLEM IS SUBMITTED THAT HAPPENS ON THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FIRST QUARTER ALSO CONSIDRING THAT THE DNR MAY NOT GET TO IT FOR A WHILE IT CAUSE UNDUE DELAY IN REMEDEING THE PROBLEM . ALSO THE DEMOSTATION AMNALYSIS (SEE PAGE 463) FOR CYANIDE AND PHENOLS SHOULD NOT BE DISCONTINUED AFTER THE FIRST 3 SAMPLES. SEEING AS FMC USES MANY OF THESE IN THERE OPERATIONS. THEY SHOULD BE TESTED AT LEAST MONTHLY AS SHOULD THE "AS NEEDED" HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM AND OTHER HEAVY METALS.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ON THESE MATTERS. BRENDA
LIVEOAK

Pete → Ford Allen Park D.C. Bay Area
Bunker

XC. District

B. Traub

R E S O L U T I O N

CITY OF GIBRALTAR

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ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Gibraltar at a regular meeting held on 14th day of November, 1988.

I, Mary H. Bilik, duly elected City Clerk of the City of Albemarle, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution that was passed at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of November, 1988.

Mary H. Bilik

Mary H. Bilik, City Clerk

CITY OF LINCOLN PARK, MICHIGAN
CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION #88- 712

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UNDER THE DATE OF: October 11, 1988

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Motion unanimously carried.

I, IRENE B. BARTAL, duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Lincoln Park, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held under the date of: October 11, 1988.


IRENE B. BARTAL CITY CLERK

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Senators Carl Levin and Donald W. Riegle, Jr., United States Representative John D. Dingell; Governor James J. Blanchard, State Senator Christopher Dingell, State Representatives Joseph Palamara, Richard Young, William D. Ford, County Commissioner William O'Neil, State Representative Robert A. DeMars, Ford Motor Company and to surrounding communities.

Motion unanimously carried.

I, IRENE B. BARTAL, duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Lincoln Park, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held under the date of: October 11, 1988.


IRENE B. BARTAL CITY CLERK

Mr. Traub: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Richard Traub and I will serve as hearings officer, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago. The purpose of tonight's hearing is to receive your questions and comments into the record on MDNR's and U.S. EPA's intent to issue a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit and an Act 64 operating license to Ford Motor Company to operate their existing hazardous waste landfill at 17005 Oakwood Boulevard in Allen Park, Michigan.

With me on the panel tonight is Pete Quackenbush an engineer with MDNR, Terry McNiel a geotechnical engineer with MDNR and Dave Petrowski with Region V-U.S. EPA, authors of the draft operating license permit. Also present, is Larry Aubushon a representative from the MDNR Southeast Michigan District Compliance staff.

Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act passed in 1976, by U.S. Congress, commonly known as RCRA and Act 64 of 1979, Michigan's Hazardous Waste Management Act. U.S. EPA and the MDNR have promulgated regulations to protect human health and the environment from the improper management of hazardous waste. These statutes, along with regulations found in Title 40 from the Code of Federal Regulations and Michigan's

Administrative Code 299, enable the U.S. EPA and MDNR to issue or deny permits for hazardous waste facilities. Under these regulations establishing a permit system, every facility in Michigan which treats, stores and disposes of hazardous waste, must have a hazardous waste management permit or operating license. These regulations also enable the U.S. EPA and the MDNR to administer and enforce these permitting activities including the issuance and denial of permits or licenses for hazardous waste facilities. Under the regulations, if a facility transports, generates, stores, treats and/or disposes of hazardous waste, the facility is required to notify U.S. EPA. Generators who store hazardous waste for more than 90 days and treatment and disposal facilities are also required to file an application for a permit and/or operating license.

Ford Motor Company notified EPA and filed a RCRA Part A application in November of 1980, an Act 64 operating license application in August of 1981. The company was issued an Act 64 operating license on October 22, 1982, and has been operating under RCRA interim status since then. Until the current application is approved or denied, the facility is allowed to continue to operate under interim status as long as certain operating requirements are met. The U.S. Congress didn't design

such a permitting system because they recognize that the U.S. EPA and the State could not review all permit applications for numerous facilities at one time. Therefore, U.S EPA and authorized states were granted the authority by Congress, to request applications for permits on a gradual basis. A RCRA hazardous waste management permit must be obtained even though the facility may be operating under state or local permits.

If a state is authorized under Section 3006 of RCRA, it may issue or deny permits in lieu of U.S. EPA. The State of Michigan received such authorization on October 30, 1986, for issuing permits under the RCRA program. However, U.S. EPA in cooperation with the State of Michigan, is responsible for making a final determination on portions of Ford Motor Company, Allen Park clay mine permit application, relating to the 1984, hazardous and solid waste amendments to RCRA, which is commonly called hazardous. Thus, a portion of Ford Motor Company's draft permit or operating license will be issued by MDNR and the remainder by U.S. EPA until the State receives authorization for the remainder of the RCRA program. If the U.S. EPA and the Michigan DNR issue a permit and operating license to Ford, company will be allowed to dispose of hazardous waste in its landfill generated from the production of automobiles. Types of hazardous waste sent to the Ford

Motor Company, Allen Park clay mine since the site was originally licensed under Act 64, has been limited. The proposed permit and operating license will allow Ford to accept a limited number of additional waste sites.

The Company must comply with all conditions contained in the permit and the operating license. These conditions in turn must satisfy the requirements found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Michigan Administrative Code, Section 299. These requirements include the proper design, operation and maintenance, accident preparedness and prevention, contingency planning and emergency procedures, recordkeeping and reporting, groundwater protection, closure, post closure, corrective action and financial responsibility. Before accepting comments from the audience, Pete Quackenbush and Dave Petrowsky will present background on Ford's permit and operating license application and on the draft permit and operating license. Larry Aubchon will give a brief summary on the compliance status of the facility. Following that, we will give you the summary of MDNR and U.S. EPA's participation activities and requirements. We will then accept comments from the audience.

Mr. Quackenbush will not provide us with some background on the State's Act 64 operating license. Pete.

Mr. Quackenbush: Thank you Rich.

The hazardous waste landfill facility which Ford is seeking to renew the Act 64 operating license for, consist of approximately 17 acres founded by Oakwood Boulevard, to the

Ms. A little louder please.

Mr. (Inaudible)

Mr. Quackenbush: Okay - this the big one? Okay.

The landfill was divided into two cells. Cell 1 which has been closed and Cell 2 which has yet to be constructed. The remainder of this 200 odd acre site is devoted to landfilling of nonhazardous solid waste, which is regulated under Michigan's Solid Waste Management Act which is P.A. 641 of 1978. MDNR issued Ford an Act 64 operating license for the Allen Park clay mine hazardous waste landfill on October 22 of 1982. That license expired on October 22, 1986. however, since the company filed a timely application

to renew their operating license, they are allowed to continue to operate under the conditions of the expired licensed as provided for in the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act.

As was stated earlier Ford's Allen Park clay mine being an existing facility as interim status under the federal RCRA program, and has been allowed to operate under the interim status standards for landfills while their Part B application for the RCRA permit was under review. Since Michigan received authorization to run the RCRA program except for the HSWA amendments, the proposed State Act 64 operating license and Federal Permit HSWA permit together will constitute a complete RCRA permit. Cell 1 of this facility was designed to meet the Act 64 requirements at the time a license was issued in 1982. That design consisted of a cell bottom having at least 25 feet of natural clay with a permeability of 1×10^{-7} Centimeters per second and a leachate collection system.

The November 8, 1984, HSWA amendments to RCRA required units that had not received waste at that time to be design to include a double liner system which at a minimum, had to include a leachate collection system, a synthetic top liner and a bottom liner consisting of not less than 3 feet of recompacted clay, and leak

detection system between the two liners. Existing facilities that did not install double liner systems by May 9th of 1985, were required to close and as a result, Cell 1 of this facility which did not have that type of a liner system ceased receiving hazardous waste and has undergone closure.

Cell 2 of this facility is designed in accordance with the HSWA amendments, that liner system which I just described and the 1985 revisions to the Act 64 rules. The proposed design includes: the leachate collection system, a primary composite liner consisting of an 80 ML high density polyethylene synthetic liner directly underlain by 5 feet of recompact clay, a synthetic drainage meter leak detection system and below that, a secondary liner consisting of another 80 ML high density polyethylene synthetic liner underlain by at least 20 feet of 1×10^{-6} centimeter per second permeability of native clay. The Allen Park clay mine was originally licensed to handle only two types of hazardous waste and they were designated by waste codes which EPA came up with inception of the RCRA program the first being K061 which is emission control dust from primary production of steel and the other being K087 which is the canner tank tar sludge from coking operations, and they were allowed to accept these

wastes at the facility provided they were not ignitable, reactive or contained any free liquids.

The proposed license will allow the company to accept additional waste types which contain metals. The particular metals are arsenic, barrium, cadimum, chromium, lead, mercury, selenium, silver, copper and zinc which may have been also components of the waste that they received before, provided the waste are ignitable, reactive or contain any free liquids, or are subject to the land disposal ban under the HSWA provisions of RCRA, which Dave may elaborate some more for you.

Specific conditions of this draft operating license require environmental monitoring of this site for hazardous constituents contained in the waste proposed for disposal. This will consist of leak detection, monitoring, surface water monitoring, soil monitoring, sediment monitoring and air monitoring. Monitoring at the site has been conducted under the original operating license, and no data at this point has indicated that there is any threat to human health or the environment. I might add that the monitoring required under this license, will be of a much more substantial nature. Groundwater monitoring is not required in the draft operating license based on Ford's

demonstration that due to geologic conditions which is a approximately 60 foot thick clay layer at this site, and the artesian conditions of the aquifer which is 70 to 85 feet below the ground surface that there is no potential for migration of liquid from the landfill to the aquifer. The company will however, be required to monitor the artesian conditions of the aquifer to verify that the upward gradient does not change.

The draft license requires that the leak detection surface water and soil monitoring data be evaluated statistically, to determine if there is an unacceptable increase in any of the parameters. That concludes my summary of the draft Act 64 operating license, Rich.

Mr. Traub: Thank you Pete. Dave will now provide some information on the HSWA part of the permit.

Mr. Petrowsky The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is preparing to issue a federal permit to the Ford Motor Company, to operate a hazardous waste landfill. The Ford facility is located in Allen Park, Michigan and is referred to as the Ford/Allen Park clay mine. On July 20, 1988, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources -

Ms.

Will you speak louder, we cannot hear back here nothing but mumbling.

Mr. Petrowsky:

Is that better?

On July 20, 1988, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. EPA jointly public noticed an Intent to Issue a Michigan Public Act 64 Operating License and a Federal Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments HSWA permits to Ford. Both the state license and the federal permit are required to operate the landfill. The Ford/Allen Park clay mine is a landfill facility owned, operated and used solely for the disposal of Ford Company waste. The total site covers approximately 260 acres while the hazardous waste landfill portion of the facility covers 17 acres. These 17 acres of the hazardous waste portion are divided into two eight acres cells, numbered 1 and 2. The remainder of the site is devoted to landfilling nonhazardous solid waste. The draft federal permit addressed Cell 2 while Cell 1 has been closed. The federal part of the draft permit, places requirements on the Ford Motor Company above and beyond the state's Act 64 operating license. The U.S. EPA's authority to do this is based upon a congressional act, specifically the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

A major provision of the draft federal permit, will compel the facility to take corrective action for any releases of hazardous waste or constituents to the environment. This includes your leases to the atmosphere, groundwater, surface water, soil and sediment. As such, the federal permit for the Allen Park facility will require Ford to determine or absence of past or present releases. If releases did occur, the permit will then require determination of the extent of the resulting contamination and its subsequent clean up. The corrective action provisions of the draft federal permit, cover all of the solid waste management units at the Allen Park site, including both the solid and hazardous waste landfills. If contamination is documented, the federal permit would then be modified to corrective deemed necessary by U.S. EPA. A schedule has been included in the draft permit, to ensure that corrective action activities are completed in a timely manner.

A second requirement to the federal part of this permit concerns waste minimization. Under this provision, Ford must reduce to a minimum the quantity and toxicity of the hazardous waste that are generated by the landfill facility.

A third requirement of the federal permit, places limitations upon the types of material which can be disposed of in the landfill. These limitations are generally referred to as the land ban restrictions. These regulations will require Ford to reduce the toxicity and mobility of certain hazardous waste before they can be accepted into the landfill. Other regulations prohibit the disposal of liquids.

Finally, a fourth provision of the federal permit deals with the design of Cell 2. The federal requirements for hazardous waste landfills include a double liner system with a liquid collection system above the top liner and a leak detection system between the liners. The design of Cell 2, shall meet these federal requirements.

In conclusion, the federal permit for the Ford/Allen Park landfill will insure 1) the characterization and subsequent cleanup of any existing contamination at the site, will require Ford to minimize the waste generated by the facility, will prohibit the disposal of liquids and land restricted waste and will ensure that the design of Cell 2 will meet the requirements for hazardous waste landfills. By granting this permit, all of these requirements will be brought into effect.

The U.S. EPA believes that this will be protective of human health in the environment.

Mr. Traub: Thank you Dave. Larry Abushon will now give us a brief summary of the compliance history of the facility.

Mr. Abushon: Just a few brief comments. Compliance and enforcement is an important part of the permitting process. The two regulations that govern this particular operation relates to what has previously been outlined Act 64, which is the state regulations and then RCRA which is the federal law. The state law requires a quarterly inspection at that particular facility. Federal oversight inspections - federal inspections require an annual review, so you can see that the state scrutiny of the facility is certainly much more stringent than the federal. The finalized permit, we take that particular permit and come up with an inspection format which outlines unique conditions of that particular permit and also addresses specific issues that are required in the law such as reviewing the operating records, reviewing the waste manifest that come into the facility, looking at personnel training, contingency plans, waste analyst data, closure plan, post closure plans, financial instruments. The violations that are detected during the course of an inspection we have a number of enforcement options,

depending on the severity of those particular violations. Generally what you see in that particular fact sheet that you picked up off the front table, we utilize the letter of warnings for less serious violations. We also have options for escalated enforcements which can result in fines and possibly revocation of the permit depending on the severity of the incident.

Again, the fact sheet is a brief summary of the inspections that have been conducted since August of 1982, and gives you an outline and there was a continuation sheet that kind of brings you up-to-date to the last inspection that was performed on the August 22. The company is considered to be responsive as far as addressing the issues that are identified during the course of an inspection and there are no compliance issues that have been identified that would prevent the issuance of this particular permit that we've identified.

Mr. Traub.

Thank you Larry. U.S. EPA and the MDNR fully encourage public participation. To briefly summarize our public participation procedure, RCRA and Act 64 require the U.S. EPA and the MDNR to publish a Notice of Intent to issue or deny a permit or operating license in a local newspaper and to broadcast it over local radio

stations. On July 20, 1988, public notice was published in the News Herald. The Notice announced the availability for public inspection of the administrative record on Ford Motor Company on Allen Park Clay Mine, permit application and the availability of a draft operating license and this public hearing. Radion stations WCXI and WCZY in Detroit. Broadcast notice of this hearing as a public service announcement. Notices concerning this permit or operating license were sent to approximately 50 interested parties, public interest groups, and local, state and national officials on the mailing list of Michigan. The administrative record is available at the U.S. EPA office in Chicago, and the MDNR's office is in Lansing. This record includes the permit and operating license application submitted by Ford Motor Company. The draft permit or operating license a fact sheet and other related background documents. In addition, the application - the draft operating license and fact sheet have been available at the City of Allen Park Administrators Office, located at 16850 Southfield Road. All comments received tonight whether written or verbal will become part of the administrative record.

After the close of the public comment period on September 3, 1988, U.S. EPA and MDNR will evaluate all information received prior to making a final decision

on this application. When making its final decision, U.S. EPA and MDNR will respond to all relevant comments which have been presented at the public hearing or during the public comment period. If new evidence or information is submitted to the U.S. EPA or MDNR and this evidence or information raises substantial new questions concerning the draft permit or operating license, U.S. EPA and MDNR may prepare a new draft permit and a revised fact sheet. If there is need for substantial revision to the original draft or to agencies preliminary permit conditions, the public comment period may be extended or reopened and the U.S. EPA and MDNR will publish a notice of this fact in the News Herald. If the comment period is reopened or extended, U.S. EPA and MDNR will then consider only those comments which pertain to new information or evidence.

Along with the final decision, U.S. EPA and MDNR will issue a responsiveness summary which will contain our official response to the relevant comments which have been raised. The summary will also include which conditions, if any, of the draft operating license were changed. We will also indicate if any documents have been added to the administrative record. Both the final permit and operating license and the responsiveness summary will be included in that

administrative record. Notification of our final decision will be provided to Ford Motor Company and to each individual who has either presented oral or written comments at this hearing, submitted written comment or requested a notice of our decision.

If there is anyone present that does not plan to submit oral comments and would like to receive a notice of the final decision and response to comments, there is a sign up sheet at the registration table. A transcript is also being made of tonight hearing. If you would like a copy of the transcript, please sign this sheet at the registration table. If the transcript is 50 or more pages, there will be a copying charge of 20 cents per page. If there is this copying charge for the transcript, we will notify you in advance by phone or letter. If you have not filled out a registration card, we would appreciate you doing so before you leave tonight so we have evidence of your participation in this public hearing.

I would like to stress at this point that the purpose of tonight's hearing is to receive all you questions and comments into the record. We will not present our official response to these questions and comments tonight, but it will be available in the responsiveness

summary. Pete Quackenbush, Terry McNiel, Dave Petrowsky, Larry Aubachon and myself will be available after this hearing to provide you with any information that is available and answer questions. We will also hold an informal question and answer period to answer questions that you may have after the formal public hearing has concluded.

All persons wishing to speak tonight, should register their intent on the registration cards. If you decide you want to present comments and have not yet indicated your intent, please fill out a card and hand it to Pete up here at the table. I will attempt to call speakers in the order in which the request were received. As your name is called, please step up to the microphone. Before you speak, please give your name and spell your last name. A copy of your comments in written for if available, should be given to the panel up here before you begin your presentation. If you do not intend to speak tonight but have written comments, please give them to Pete at the conclusion of the hearing.

I must ask you to limit your presentation to 10 minutes. If you cannot finish in 10 minutes, please summarize your comments for us. You may submit longer comments in writing tonight or any time before the close of the public comment period on September 3,

1988. At the end of 10 minutes if you have not finished, I will ask you to please conclude. If you cannot finish in the next few minutes, I will have to ask you to sit down so that the next speaker can begin. We appreciate your cooperation so everybody who wishes to speak will have the chance to do so. We will now begin to receive your comments. Please remember to repeat your name and spell it please. Okay, the first speaker card I have is Larry Coogan.

Mr. Coogan:

My last name is spelled Coogan. If I may make an editorial comment before we begin. It seems as though the 50 pages of the transcript are going to be taken up before we begin our participation so. I represent the City of Melvindale and as well as them, the residents of the downriver area have a lot of concerns. The residents of Southeast Michigan in particularly down river area are tired being the hazardous waste capitol of the State of Michigan. We already have the most polluted river in the Great Lakes basin that's the Rouge to benefit you who may not know. We already have the dirtiest air according to the EPA and DNR. Within the next several years, there will be at least three new hazardous waste incinerators on line in our area. We the residents of down river area have had enough. There are those who say that Wayne County generates most hazardous waste and therefore we should be the

ones that bare the burden. The truth of the matter is that Wayne County, right now, deals with and disposes of three times the amount of hazardous waste that we generate. We've done our share.

There are primarily seven concerns that we have about this permit and the first of those concerns are obviously be the medical problems that we could possibly face. There are numerous toxicants that are going stored in this facility if this permit goes through, all of which have a significance that affect on the health when and if released into the environment. For example, studies show that phenol on of the chemical added on the list that Ford seeks to store, if exposed to human or aquatic life can cause extreme problems with the liver problems exposed to high does and lower concentrations can cause digestive disturbances, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing, excessive selavation, diarrhea, nervous disorders, headaches, dizziness, mental disturbances, skin eruptions all of which residents of our community already suffer. OSHIA at this point list this chemical as toxic - highly toxic at only 5 ppm. Who is going to monitor the air at the place, who is going to see the results of the monitoring. right Wayne County is inundated its staff is woefully inadequate. It cannot possibly digest more information than what its doing so

at this time. So there is some serious problems with my authorization.

The same scenario that I just went through is illustrated for almost every chemical that permit seeks to allow in this new clay mine facility. It is worth noting that chromium and cadmium are particulate, escaping from mismanagement and control dust? It is another pathway of concern. These minute particles could be dispatched by the wind. If waste dust are piled in the open, which have been done at this facility in the past by your own admission and by the only reports that we have, it could lead to serious problems and human health such as kidney disorders and things of that nature.

There was also a study done several years ago which I read in the synopsis with the little time I had to go over. The Snow Wood Study. This study was conducted by the Michigan Cancer Foundation, I don't know if you've read that or not, but it's got some pretty good information in it. The data showed the incidence of cancer in the Snow Woods area between the time of 1973 and 1981. Snow Woods is a subdivision which lies west of the facility, as you may or may not be aware. Primarily the wind blows in a westerly direction prevailing westerly as we have here. Therefore, their

impact would be even a heck of a lot less than what the residence of Allen Park and Melvindale and other facilities which lie east of that would be subjected to.

The study showed for instance, brain cancer expected in the area was approximately four cases of brain cancer, twelve were observed. There were a total of 265 cases in the area in that period of time. In addition, the report also stated approximately 17 prostate cancers were to be expected, 26 were observed. The list goes on and on I don't have time to enumerate all of the list at this time, this meeting would be too long. The study was never done or it never has been done to the best of my knowledge for the people that east of this facility. I think that before any application, and the City of Melvindale concurs with this, any application should be granted for the running of a hazardous waste permit, something should be done to check into that in detail. How are the residents east affected. Right now when the Michigan Cancer Foundation concluded its study, it said that more research was necessary and that was as of 1981, I believe that's when they

finished the report and nothing has been done.

Nothing.

Another major concern that we have is that of property values. By Ford's own admission in their interoffice memo that you also have copies of, it states that the property value per acre right now is worth \$31,000. per acre. As a result of the closing of this site by 1996, approximately, the property value is going to be around \$2,500 per acre. Our concern to the City is what's going to happen to our property taxes and evaluation? If your neighbor has devaluated property, it directly, adversely, affects your property. So that's another very legitimate concern not only for the City and their loss of tax base, but also for the residence who live in the area of Princeton Estates in the area of Melvindale and in the area of Dearborn in the Snow Wood Subdivision.

There is also a problem we feel with the management of this facility. As you know, Ford Motor has currently decided to delegate the management responsibility to this facility to Wayne Disposal. Gentlemen, we know what happened several weeks ago in the Belleville area with regards to their site. Dixon was illegally stored - I know the contents may or may not be in large quantities, but nevertheless it was in violation, they

were sited and they are currently being fined for that. What's to insure the residents of this area which is highly more populated than that of the Belleville area of this same scenario happening here. What's to prevent that? And if it does, there's a whole lot more people in this area that will be affected.

Public participation. I know that the fundamentals of the law and it is to publish in the paper. That was complied with I grant you. However, the spirit of law I do not think was adhered to in this situation. Look at the crowd that we have here this evening. It's obvious if you take a look around, the word did not get out. When the local newspaper calls me from the City of Dearborn two days before this hearing and it said "we don't know anything about this hearing", something's wrong, something's wrong. The DNR has only furnished - here's another concern. The DNR has only furnished one copy of the permit application and that was for the City of Allen Park. When I contacted them, the response was - and rightly so, that I would have to pay \$75.00. We feel that the person seeking the permit application, should furnish that to us and all the other residents who desire to go through that and give it the strict scrutiny. It shouldn't be the responsibility of the City of Melvindale to have to go out and buy the piece of paper to do research to

protect its citizens. That is due to your Department and it's due to EPA. Thus the City of Melvindale would like to go down on record as stating that public participation period should be extended and that all current information should be available to the City of Melvindale, at the expense of the applicant as I just said earlier.

There has also been a decision made by the EPA and the DNR, to weight the requirement of groundwater monitorization. I do not feel and neither does the City that this is justified. The cost incurred to monitor the groundwater is well worth the effort it would take in expenses.

Mr. Traub: Larry, could you start summing up please?

Mr. Coogan: I'm just about there, Sir. I've got a whole lot more to be quite honest but - But the old adage should be headed, it's better to be safe than sorry folks. I think once after there is a spill, its to late to monitor the water. The truth is in the last seven years there has only been two monitorizations of groundwater at that site and again, that's inadequate. The compliance history of the firm - of this site, has not been all that well and I'll just summarize very briefly since I'm running out of time. In the past at

least three occasions - I stand corrected if you can point out different, that there has been the problem with this site not covering the hazardous waste or the waste that's being disposed there. In the event this happens with these type of chemicals that you're suggesting to store here, there could be monumental impact on the environment. What's going to be done to protect our citizens?

Again I'd like it to go on record that the violations like the above enumerated and the _____ application should be given the strictest scrutiny. It is the City's recommendation that permit not be granted until further study has been done, and if and when this permit is granted, the City would like all results of any test by anyone of your departments or by the firm themselves to be sent to our cities so we can go through them ourselves and see to it that it is competently handled. We would also like to request a copy of the permit application again like I earlier stated.

It has been stated to that this is renewal of Ford's application, but by your own admission this is not a renewal. This has been an added - there is adding significant number of adverse chemicals that we need to deal with. Unfortunately, myself nor the City of Melvindale and a numerous residents, did not have

enough time to go through this permit to go into even more detail that I could, I'm sure and certain I could find numerous errors, and I again request that we have more time to give this stricter scrutiny. Thank you and I wish I had more time to go through even more.

Mr. Traub: The next speaker I have a card for is Artis Bennett.

Mr. Bennett: My name is Artis Bennett. I am the Chief Building Inspector and staff member of the Environmental Commission on behalf of the City of Allen Park. I would like to submit the following for your consideration. As a background I have been aware of the clay mine dump since 1963, at which time the Homeowners Association, the City Council and Ford Motor Car Company met to discuss the problems of blowing sand and burning debris. At this time, the items being dumped were not considered hazardous. Ford Motor Car Company did take corrective action to solve some of the problems we were having. We have worked with Ford since that time, and until a new classification of hazardous waste, we had no problems to speak of. With the debris that is being dumped on which a percentage is considered hazardous waste, we have a greater problem to protect the citizens of Allen Park, Melvindale and Dearborn. It is our understanding that Mr. Quackenbush, there is going to issued another

additional permit that would include corrective action requirements down the line. Have this been done if so, may we have a copy of that before it's complete?

It is rumored that the waste from other sources than Ford Motor Car Company will be deposited in this site. In the application it states "this is an in-house operation. Provides for tight control of waste management activities since Ford handles the waste from cradle to grave with outsiders other than will Ford be able to dump here? If so, who and what?" The manager of this clay mine is Wayne Disposal and in the issue of although our Michigan outdoors, they are charged with a \$250,000 suit for taking illegal hazardous waste into a facility that they also manage. I am very concerned that this type of management would be allowed to proceed with this kind of dump in the City of Allen Park and I would be most objective to them continuing if this is going to be the case.

In reviewing the plan, I find no where does it state that Allen Park will be advised of any problems on this site. This I believe, has to be corrected since all water from the site is to be dumped into Allen Park Drain, the dust from the site will blow over Allen Park, Melvindale and Dearborn. We do not believe that after a storm when surface water monitoring discloses a

problem, that we should have to wait until the Director is advised 30 days later about the problem and the Director then may later advise Allen Park of this problem. I believe that we should know right then and there that that's the problem that exists and we should be involved in it. The construction quality insurance plan does not include the City of Allen Park and its preconstruction meeting, nor any of the reports copied to the City of Allen Park. This must be done. We must be included in the preconstruction meetings. I do not say that we're going to control them or be there, but we should be there to here and observe what is going to be done.

Since you'll be dumping annually about 72,000 tons of tar sludge in which 47.7 tons is naphthalene and 2.2 tons is polyene, compounds as you are well aware these are very hazardous wastes and are known to leach through clay very quickly. It is hoped that your two liners will hold this sludge since we have water below and your own admission that there is water there. And another little fact that I don't know whether you're aware of, but the salt mine has underground - undermined all of that area. They're down approximately 900 feet to 1300 feet. The whole parcel has been taken out for salt. It is now filling up with water. Where the water is coming from, nobody is able

to tell us. Could the water be leaking down from the clay up above from your underground water that is going through there? Could it be going that way and coming on down into the clay mine. If so, then when this were to leak and this tar sludge would be breaking down and leaking down through the clay. Could it not then be infiltrating our underground water and causing us a real problem. Could we be known as the love canal again, in the City of Allen Park.

Chairman of our Environmental Commission who is also an environmental engineer, reviewed the plan and find it basically in order but wishes to know the following. On Page 36 in the General Description Section B, a statement is made that indicates that tar sludge K087 waste is disposed in other locations in either _____ processes or open hearth furnace operation. Is this possible that the Rouge steel mill? If so, why do they need to put into the ground? Also in Section B reference 16 in the middle of the pages not listed on Page 58 as indicated. As to the training program as stated in your plan, how often will the workers be required to attend training schools? From the records that you have given us tonight it appears that the people on the grounds over there do not know to keep proper records. So some place along the line somebody's going to have to go to school to learn how

to keep proper records and apparently they haven't done it at Wayne Disposal

Another question that I'd like to ask, is what medical steps will be taken to check the workers to see whether or not be effected in and way in working with the hazardous waste.

To sum up - I wish again to point out that Allen Park must be included in all notices of any problems at the time of the problem, and must be permitted to be present at all preconstruction meetings. We must be permitted to inspect the site anytime during working hours. Allen Park wishes to work with Ford Motor Car Company, the DNR and U.S. EPA in this matter, but we can only do so if we are fully informed and that I conclude sir.

Mr. Traub: Okay thank you. The next speaker or card which I have is Norman Gomolak?

Mr. Gomolak: It's Gomolak. My name is Norman Gomolak the correct spelling is G O M O L A K, I'm Director of Public Works for the City of Dearborn and rather than be redundant, I would only reinforce that which has already been said by the two previous speakers.

One of the concerns I have is the water monitoring and the ambient air monitoring according to your report here that indicates that the test have generally been inconclusive. It would seem to me that prior to any reissuance or issuance of a license that that testing should have a definite conclusion as to what was found and certainly - to my knowledge the City of Dearborn, if they received any information regarding this hearing, it wasn't sent to my office and I'm not aware of anyone in the City of Dearborn receiving one. So if it was sent somewhere, I'd certainly like to know. But I haven't as Director of Public Works, received anything from the state indicating anything since I was the first time around a few years back, I would have thought I was still on the mailing list.

I had just requested to receive any information as to future hearings, the dates since my office had not received one for this hearing.

Mr. Traub: Thank you. The next speaker is Betty Bennett

Ms. Bennett: I have a speech for you but it's been covered. I just want to go on record as being against this enlargement. I live very close to the dump and there has been a lot of cancer in our neighborhood - 10 within a two block area that I know of personally. We have _____ in our

homes all the time so there is dirt in the air all the time from there and stench. That's all.

Mr. Traub:

The next speaker for which I have a card is Elenore Brown.

Ms. Brown:

My name is Elenore Brown B R O W N. I live at 1554 Hollywood, Dearborn the Oakwood Hospital area. I strongly object to the Ford Motor Company clay mine landfill so close to our residential area. This landfill was established I believe way back in 1956, when already I was a resident at my present address. As resident so close to this hazardous dump. We were ignored, that was unfair, we knew nothing about it. The Government hospitals, doctors and nurses continuously keep us vigilant concerning cancer. Cancer Society mail us continuous mail every day almost asking for money, etc., and telling us what to be aware of. How can we do for ourself when we have all this to contend us. Industry, big business and even some government divisions are ignoring the health of U.S. citizens who have rights also. Let us eliminate this danger now. I'm and ex-Ford Motor Company employee, I'm retired. It doesn't mean that they should not consider us also though. Where do I hand this in? Thank you.

Mr. Traub: The next speaker, George Verbeke

Mr: I think he left.

Mr. Traub: Oh Okay, alright. The next speaker then, will be Fran Bellanger.

Ms. Belanger: Fran Belanger. My address is 18904 Ruth in Melvindale. I'm here to represent future generations. We are sick and tired of what's going on in the air, in the water, and now down below us too. I also want to add one thing to your list that I haven't heard mentioned tonight, and that is the fact that we over there in Melvindale are on a fault line and I don't know if it extends up that way and if it does, and if it's even close, doesn't that have any affect on a clay lining? Couldn't it split? I don't know of anything that an earthquake can't affect. Everything else has been covered tonight, it's just that I want to add one thing. Trust was a good man, but don't trust was better. Thank you.

Mr. Traub: The next card I have is for Thomas Coogan.

Mr. Coogan: My name is Thomas Coogan I'm mayor of the City of Melvindale. I'm here tonight to compliment you gentlemen of a poor job you've been doing to protect

the citizens of the United States. The DNR, the EPA are suppose to be our protectors. You have absolutely failed us miserably. I'm appalled at the gentleman sitting there, trying to shelve more toxic waste, hazardous waste and everything else in this area and not even have the consideration to notify the citizens. Personally the Mayor of the City should have had some of thing. I got it from the City of Allen Park's Department.

We within a three mile area of the toxic dump and I feel like a lot of other people feel here you people have failed us, we will take this farther, you gentlemen will not shelve this down our throat, this Mr. Toman which is actually the person that has Wayne Disposal, Michigan Disposal, Crystal Mines is all behind us. Now you gentlemen have got to realize we're dealing with multi-billion dollars here that are going to be made on disposal of this toxic and hazardous waste. My feeling is that any place that this gentleman can shelve his self, he even tried to do it up in the Upper Peninsula on the banks of Lake Superior and Ontonogan County. The people in Ontonogan County got up, stood up, fought, put it on the ballot, we don't want that junk up here. It's next to the biggest water supply in the world. We don't want it here either, we've had our share. We had enough impact on

industry. The EPA wants to do something, build an incinerator out in Wyoming someplace where the population is very, very small. Create a sewer tax or surcharge on each individual gallon of this toxic and hazardous waste. Dispose of it in a regulated operating which we know that it is properly being disposed. Let's not bury it again here, dig it up tomorrow, bury it over here. Let's get rid of it. My feeling is, right now, that if the EPA does not start protecting, you aren't going to have anything to protect. Because we're all going to be dead because of your negligence. Thank you.

Mr. Traub: Okay. This is the last speaker I have a card for. If anyone else wishes to speak, please present a card up here and we'll get you in, okay. The last speaker I have a card for is Brenda Liveoak.

Ms. Liveoak: My name is Brenda Liveoak, my address is 727 South Thumpries in Detroit. I'm President of Oakland Environmental Concerns Association of which some of our members are in the Melvindale Area. They ask that I have a look at this permit, as many of them are quite concerned about this permit.

First of all, I was going over the public announcement fact sheet and included compliance record. I was quite

concerned over the issue of noncompliance. I was alarmed to see the various act of noncompliance, but I have to say I was further alarmed to see that there was a letter as part of your application package, the Ford Motor Company application package on Page 422 on inspection reports. It states that these violations are mostly procedural in nature. I must say that I do not believe that to be true. Proper leachate levels, runoff and run-on control, not being performed in sufficient cover, citizen complaints on fugitive dust, improper contamination of equipment, improper monitoring, etc. The inadequate recordkeeping and noncompliance for inspections and incomplete training records, our deficiencies they site as in majority and that is simply not true. That report is bias in nature. Besides the consideration evaluator does not have for the fact, the procedural deficiencies can often be loopholes that create catastrophic errors when dealing with hazardous and toxic waste. The fact that none of the violations were considered major, presents a new picture of what the MDNR considered safe for our community. What do we need to wake up the DNR and the EPA and the County. A few dead people, brain cancer, liver cancer, lung disease, hearing disabilities and children. Is that what it takes? What about protection and preventative procedure. Are not these things important. I do not think so when I read the

noncompliance record evaluation by the MDNR. You have allowed too much to go too far. Please note on page 426 the potential for human exposure via water waste. It called many of the things that are cited as merely procedure in the noncompliance record as being necessary to certain design and operating features which mitigate the potential for releases to surface water. In other words, they are what we are relying on to keep us from going into the water table, yet you would have us to believe that noncompliance is merely lack of technical data. And it's the only shot that we have at protecting the environment and the people. I would also like to ask for an extension so we may have another public hearing and more time to go over the permit. I was only able to view the permit three weeks ago and that was in partial. The entire two lines were not put together until recently for viewing and thanks to Larry Coogan, he copied some of the information for me as I had little time to get to Allan Park to view it. This is nonsense. Other copies should have been distributed to Melvindale and Dearborn for viewing and to my own neighborhood organization as an interested party to this permit and that we are so close to the location. This should be a cost to the company as part of their public education process that the Act 64 calls for.

My organization is compromised of many poor and elderly who cannot afford the high cost of application packages. Little has been done by Ford Motor Company to make this package available to any interested party. If anything, they have done all they can to keep it out of the public eye on this one. Considering their reputation for poor air emission quality at the Rouge facility, poor material handling at that facility causing fugitive dust problems and then this record of noncompliance, they have been a very poor neighbor neighbor to us. They even recently settled a law suit with several people near here that had terms and that would allow them to go back to the air pollution levels prior to the Air Quality Act, and those people cannot take any legal action against Ford Motor Company. What sweet deal that was for them. This is not an industry who wants to live compatibly with us. They have no regard for the health and welfare of these neighborhoods. They do not care about trying to help citizens here have a decent quality of life. Again, for the sake of what they tried to make out as jobs and productivity, they think we should allow what they are doing. The fact is, they just do not want to cut in on their profits. I have learned a very important lesson since I have been involved in these hazardous waste sitings, that is the companies who do not put some of their profits back into their companies to make them

environmentally safe, are the companies that do the most damage.

Ms.

That a girl!

Ms. Liveoak:

To speak of health, I draw attention to Page 428 or Page 1 of the Snow Woods Report, requested by Dearborn. It was done between 1973 and 1871. Throughout the report excess cancer numbers are reported. I would like to quote Page 433 or Page 6 of this report. It says "There is insufficient results and evidences to conclude that the residents of Snow Wood neighborhood are at a higher risk of cancer because of their association with the Allen Park clay mine and field dump then residents of Dearborn or _____ residents of either Wayne County or Tri-County area. However, the findings regarding the increase incidents of brain tumors in both sections of and liver cancer in females, may warrant further investigation. Now I submit, was that further investigation ever done?

Audience:

No

Ms. Liveoak:

Also according to wind direction monitoring, most of the time the residents of Melvindale are at more risk than those Dearborn Woods residents. Yes, somehow they were ignored. I believe that the ambient _____ should

request the study results for the area immediate to the facility from all three cities touching on this landfill within a 3 mile radius. I think a more updated study is needed at this time. Now I know that perhaps the cities have not requested these and I don't know why, but the ambient _____ should not ignore its responsibilities to protect the public. I do not know if the position of Allen Park's Mayor is a high level executive for Fords have come to play on this permit, and I pray it hasn't but I am sure that the Mayors of Melvindale and Dearborn have concern over the impact that this facility has had on its residents.

I would like to draw to your attention to Page 427 on the potential for human exposure via air pathway. Here are the dangers of fugitive emissions are cited. I have talked to residents in that area. They have expressed their displeasure at the fugitive dust from that facility in the past. Many did not even know that there was a hazardous waste dump there. They did not know that there could be heavy metals and other particulates such as named in this permit in that dust. They were upset because it was dirty. Now we see that these things have been kept so hush, hush that there's been very little public education and that the people there should be taking more precautions than they are. The stuff isn't just dust it could have heavy metals in

it. Is there some policy you have written somewhere that it says to keep the people in the dark so that it will make your job easier. why aren't you pushing public education on these facilities more so people can take the necessary precautions to protect themselves. At least there would be some added air monitoring. I give you that but that was required by law but I believe that the results from those monitoring stations and the landfill leakage, and if you see Page 285D it says where its going to go, should be also sent to local health departments of Melvindale, Allen Park and Dearborn so they may keep abreast of what is happening and to correlate this with any significant health problems in the area.

Considering the nature and the kinds of waste and their potential for being a fugitive dust problem, I think that this is needed. Also, more information on the actual material handling at the facility is needed to educate the public. There's not a lot about that in this permit. I understand the condition on Page 164 to monitor the groundwater studies for this location but I do not believe in light of the past violations of the managing company, Wayne Disposal and their dioxin scandal at Wayne Landfill which I understand was found by accident because a probe was left over night and would probably have never known about it until this day

if that hadn't of happened. I would find the State at fault and possibly confront it with a lawsuit for negligence if they allow this. On Page 74, the last paragraph, the EPA rules talk about the possibility of mismanagement. That could happen here and it could be negligent of the EPA or DNR to waive any monitoring when the potential for this exist. This is further illustrated by their remarks on Page 36 under Hazardous Properties of Waste. The middle paragraph is their own application. This point was even argued by David Miller and Wayne Disposal in a letter included in the application dated February 16, 1984, Page 196. The data being reported on a quarterly basis is not often enough. If you consider the frequency, it could be up to four months before a problem is submitted. That happens on the first quarter of the first month of the first quarter.

Also considering that the DNR may not get to it for a while, it causes undue delay in remedying any problems. Also, the demonstration analysis (see Page 463) for cyanide and phenol, should not be discontinued after the first three samples. Seeing that Ford Motor Company uses many of these in their operations, they should be tested at least monthly and as should the as needed hexavalent chromium and other metals.

I also - one other thing that was just brought to my attention was the fact that mine - one of the reasons they stopped mining was because they took all of the clay out of it. Now you've have - you've gone down - you don't have that clay barrier that you had before and I think you have to consider that when EPA talked about using sites like this as high clay sites to waiver ground monitoring, I'm sure they meant it had a high quantity of clay left and I don't think that this clay bed meets that specification. Thank you for the consideration on these matters.

Mr. Traub: Thank you. Okay the last speaker for which I have a card for is John Brown.

Mr. Brown: My name is John Brown, I live at 1286 Lindon in Dearborn, two and a half blocks away from this toxic landfill. I'm a little bit concerned about the notice that I have to say allegedly you all gave to the parties concerned. You've heard from the Mayor of Melvindale and the representative from Allen Park and our representative from Dearborn. But let me tell you back in 1982, I happen to be a Director at that time of our Snow Woods Neighborhood Association, and at that time our Association of 2500 people were very much concern with and about what has happened in that clay mine, the toxic waste that's being dumped there and we

had various meetings with the DNR. I'm concerned because it was only today when a neighbor called me and said "have you seen your Dearborn Press and Guide", now is that timely notice? In today's paper it says "public hearing tonight for Ford Landfill". Now pardon my English but that's Bull-shit. Is that timely notice? Had we had people and we knew about that, we would have had this audience full, it would have been full of people. Now I'm requesting that you adjourn this meeting and give timely notice to Dearborn, Allen Park and Melvindale so that the residents will get out and you will see the concern that's being taken here. If you don't choose to do that, then I respectfully request that you deny the permit. Thank you.

Mr. Traub: Okay, I have another card here from Mr. Babbage.

Mr. Babbage: I'm Councilman David L. Babbage of Allen Park. My last name is spelled B A B B A G E. I have a couple of concerns but the first concern that I want to address is the not the last speaker but the previous speaker addressed a concern of Mayor Richards working at Ford Motor Company. I assure you that Mayor Richards and the City Council has these concerns about this and Artis Bennett which is our building inspector and our environmental inspector, rose those concerns and I hope that you take and listen to the concerns and give

credence to that to all the speakers except for that one note of derogatory to Mr. Richards. Thank you.

Mr. Traub:

Okay, thank you. That is all the cards I have for people who wish to speak. Again I repeat, if there are any of you here who have not yet signed up on a card, please do so that we will know that you were here, your name and comments and again, note the sign-up sheets if you wish copies of the final decision and the transcript of the hearing. At this time I'm going to officially end the formal - sure.

Ms. Rauls:

I didn't write on the card that I wanted to speak, but I have one thing. My name is Geraldine Rauls, I'm from Dearborn. My husband passed away a year and a half ago. Contributing to his death was the Ford Motor Company. Now is this same company going to contribute to my death or the death of my children or my grandchildren? I would suggest you look rather closely at this facility before you turn over management to Wayne - before you turn over management to anybody else and you take a strict look at every inspection to make sure it is being run properly to keep us all alive. Thank you.

Mr. Traub:

Mr. Robert Behrendt.

Mr. Behrendt:

Yes its B E H R E N D T. I'm representing the City Engineers for the City of Allen Park. I just would like to make a brief statement regarding the information that has been given to the City of Allen Park. Our company on the behalf of the City of Allen Park has reviewed this information briefly, and the general comment we would like to make is that the two substances that would be given a permit to be disposed at that site we feel if the guidelines would be followed that they can be environmentally held safely there and would be of no concern of the residents of Allen Park if done properly.

I did want to make the statement that regarding Artis Bennett's statement that the City of Allen Park should be informed on any issues that would be arising at that facility in Allen Park. That all I have to say.

Mr. Traub:

Okay, thank you. Do we have everybody who has spoken or wishes to speak please? Okay. At this time I will close the official part of the public hearing. As I said before the responses to your comments and questions and concerns presented previously, will be addressed in our formal response to comments. We will stay around up here to answer your questions in an informal session in a question and answer period.

Right now I'd like to close the formal part of the
public hearing.

